THE WEATHER.

Fair and cold today; Saturday fair, slightly warmer; light to moderate north winds.

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WANTS NAME CLEAR OF AWFUL CRIME

Arrest of Rev. Chas. M. Brewer Was Unwarranted.

CONGREGATION STOOD BY HIM

Baptist Minister Arrested at Fort Riley in Church When Explosion, of Which He Was Charged, Occurred

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—A congregation in Quanah, Texas, was hearing the Rev. Charles M. Brewer preach a sermon on "practical Christianity" at the time of the blowing up of the government bridge at Fort Riley, Kas. in which the pastor's name was implicated through a confession of Private Michael Quirk according to a statement made here today by Rev. Brewer.

The minister was passing through this city on his way from Olustee, Okla., his home to Fort Riley, where he says he will investigate the conditions leading up to his arrest and demand an explanation from government officials.

"My sole mission in life," he said, "is to clear my name of this awful charge made against me. It was absolutely unwarranted as the Federal authorities found out after they had investigated it. But that does not satisfy me. I now want to know who was responsible for mixing my name in the dynamite plot."

The Rev. Brewer's arrest followed a confession by Private Quirk, in which he stated that he had met the pastor, formerly chaplain at the fort, riding in an automobile with a woman and that they had asked him to join them in blowing up the big bridge over the Kansas river.

"There was some personal malice in connecting my name with the plot," the pastor continued.

"When the bridge was blown up I was preaching a sermon in Quanah, Texas.

"I do not know Quirk by name. I do not know whether I ever saw him or not. I might remember his face if I saw him for I was acquainted with many of the enlisted men. I am going to Fort Riley to sift this matter to the bottom, not so much for my own sake as for the sake of my children. I shall not rest until my name stands absolutely untarnished by connection with the Fort Riley affair."

The Rev. Brewer is now preaching at Olustee. His congregation has stood by him. A member of his own congregation arrested him.

"Brother Brewer," he said, "I hate to do it, but there is the telegram ordering your arrest."

Brewer was held three days. The government authorities never sent for him and he was released. He telegraphed the authorities at Fort Riley that he was ready to go there at once if they wanted him. He never got a reply, the ex-chaplain says.

SECTION OF WALL COLLAPSES.

Excavations for New State Building in Raleigh Causes Trouble.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—The northwest wall of the Express Building, on Fayetteville street, collapsed this afternoon while excavations were in progress for the quarter million dollar State building. At this point the new walls come right up to the Express Building and too large a section of deeper foundation was excavated before the concrete reinforcement was put in. A section of the upper wall 20 feet and probably 30 on the first floor, fell with a crash that startled people blocks away. The fact that the roof and inner framework of the Express Building are self-supporting, independent of the outer wall, saved the building from further wreckage. The office of the Southern Express Company occupies the first floor and the other floors are apartments. The building belongs to the Tucker estate and W. J. Martin is the lessee of this and the adjacent election building. That no one was injured appears miraculous. There was no one at all on the second floor of the building just at the time and in the express office a force of clerks just happened to be out of the danger zone for the moment. Supt. Holladay, of the State building, has been ill several days, and this accounts for the costly mistake.

MILLIONAIRE "HOBO" TO QUIT.

Howe Will Resign as Head of Welfare Association.

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—When the "hobo" delegates to the annual convention of the Brotherhood Welfare Association meet in this city on January 30th, James Eads Howe, "millionaire hobo," president of the organization for many years, will not preside. Howe announced today his resignation as president of the "hobo" body in a telegram from St. Louis.

President Taft, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller and others will be invited to attend the meeting. Thousands of delegates are expected to arrive in this city about the middle of January.

"A Frontier Doctor"

Great Western drama, first presentation of Essanay photo-play at The Grand Theatre today. **

TURKS AND ARABS GATHERING

Concentrating For Attack Against Italians. Thousands of Volunteers Enrolled Daily—Army Has Ample Arms.

Tripoli, Dec. 28.—According to information gathered by the airmen attached to the Italian army and by scouting parties of cavalry the Turks and Arabs are concentrating in great force to the south of Ainzara. The Italians sent out frequently small parties to make reconnaissances, but they do not proceed far away from the Italian camp, as another onslaught by the Turks is feared. The position of the Turks is the same from which they made their last attack, which resulted in a severe fight lasting six hours and the retirement of the Italians.

Thousands of Volunteers Enrolled.

Marseilles, Dec. 28.—A special dispatch from a correspondent with the Ottoman army at Azizia, in the Hinterland of Tripoli says that thousands of volunteers are being enrolled daily. The army, he says, is in excellent condition and possesses ample arms and ammunition, most of which has been captured from the Italians. The leading spirit in the Turkish and Arabian camp continues to be Ali Fethi Bey, formerly Turkish military attache in Paris, and who was reported killed by the Italians.

PERSIAN MINISTER CALLS.

Expresses Deep Regret at British Consul Being Wounded.

Teheran, Dec. 28.—The British consul, W. A. Smart, who was wounded in an engagement between his Indian escort and 800 Kashgai tribesmen, is safe, having been brought from a caravan where he received medical attention, to Kazeroon. The Persian minister today called on the British minister and expressed deep regret on behalf of the regent and government for the incident. He informed the British minister that measures had been taken to insure Consul Smart's safe arrival at his post at Shiraz and explanary punishment for the offenders.

The Persian government is extremely apprehensive lest Great Britain consider the incident justification for a punative expedition which might lead to prolonged, possibly to permanent occupation of southern Persia.

Shuster Selects Successor.

W. Morgan Shuster, the American who was dismissed from the office of treasurer general by the cabinet, is still awaiting notification of the appointment of his successor. He has suggested the selection of F. E. Cairns, who was his principal American assistant to act in the interim. This would enable Mr. Shuster to leave Teheran within a short time. If the suggestion is accepted possibly he will leave with his family in about ten days. The only route by which he can return home is by way or Kasbin, and Resht, which are now in possession of Russian troops to Baku and through Russia.

The telegraph lines to Tabriz have been restored and it is presumed that fighting in that district has ceased, but all dispatches so far received from Tabriz are several days old and indicate that the Russians were in a desperate plight on Sunday and were awaiting reinforcements. They effected a truce, which was held until Monday, when heavy reinforcements arrived, and the Russians renewed their attacks.

PRELIMINARY HEARING TODAY.

Efforts Being Made to Find Where Dynamite Came From.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—George Bridges, arrested early this week while carrying 72 sticks of dynamite and fuses in a suitcase, will receive a preliminary hearing at Monessen, Pa., tomorrow. Although an investigation has been instituted by the Federal authorities and local police with a view of ascertaining whether there is any connection with the Nation-wide dynamite conspiracy, it is said tonight that little of value has been learned.

Arrested after carrying the dangerous suitcase around the non-union mill town of Monessen, Bridges would say that it was given him by a stranger. Later, however, he led the authorities to believe that others were connected with the case and promised to make startling revelations. Finally, he refused to talk about the matter and the police are still groping in the dark.

Bridges will be tried tomorrow on a charge of larceny made by the officials of the Henderson Coal Company, who allege the dynamite was stolen from their concern.

Efforts to discover who hid a large quantity of the explosive in a lumber yard at Rochester, Pa., which was found yesterday have been futile.

REFUSED SENTENCE.

Gotham Actor Declines Six Months' Sentence to Island.

New York, Dec. 28.—A man who said he was Louis Kraus, an actor, asked Magistrate Voorhees, in Gates Avenue Court, Brooklyn, to send him to "the island" for three months. He said he was out of employment at present, and with real cold weather threatening, he would like to be sure of a roof over him until Spring.

"Six months," said the magistrate.

"No, that won't do," answered Kraus. "I can find quarters when Spring comes around, and if you keep me on the island I won't be able to book the many engagements that I usually get at Summer resorts."

"Six months or nothing," was the reply.

Kraus still persisted that three months were enough. Magistrate Voorhees, becoming irritated, ordered him from the court room.

Kraus lingered near all day, hoping the magistrate would change his mind.

APPOINTMENT TO BE MADE TUESDAY

Question of Who Will Succeed Late Justice Harlan.

FOUR POSSIBLE APPOINTEES

U. S. Circuit Judge Hook, of Kansas, and Senator Sutherland, of Utah, Seem to Be the Favorites —President to Select

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Taft probably will decide next Tuesday upon the man to succeed the late Justice Harlan on the Supreme court bench. The field of possible appointees has been narrowed to four men and tonight it was said that a selection may be looked for at the next meeting of the cabinet, January 2nd. The nomination probably will be sent to the Senate next week.

The four from whom the President will make his selection were said tonight to be United States Circuit Judge Hook, of Kansas; Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel; Senator Sutherland, of Utah, and Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, trust-buster for the government and its prosecutor in the Standard Oil suit. Senator Borah, of Idaho, it was said, has not been entirely eliminated from consideration but the choice rests apparently between the others. Of these men Judge Hook and Senator Sutherland stand foremost, although both Secretary Nagel and Mr. Kellogg are "still in the running."

Judge Hook was under consideration by the President last year when he made his Supreme Court appointments and his backers have been active this Winter. Senator Sutherland is warmly admired by the President and has been summoned to the White House frequently of late.

One fact said to militate against Secretary Nagel is that he is 63 years old, and Mr. Taft has declared several times that no man should go on the bench after he reaches the age of sixty. Mr. Kellogg's candidacy has been vigorously pushed by his friends and his work in the Standard Oil and other cases has attracted favorable attention at the White House.

As at present constituted, the third, fourth and seventh circuits are unrepresented on the Supreme Court and the fifth and sixth circuits each have two, Chief Justice White and Justice Lamar and Justices Day and Lurton, respectively. All four of the leading candidates come from the eighth circuit already represented by Justice Van Deventer, appointed by the President last year, but candidates suggested from the vacant circuits while considered by the President have been eliminated one by one.

ASYLUM HOMELIKE.

Washington Police Believe Professed Mickle Murderer Crank.

Washington, Dec. 28.—"My name is James J. McGunnige and I am from Providence, R. I. I know nothing of Cumberland, Md., and, of course, didn't murder William Mickle. Please don't tell my mother I'm locked up."

The above statement from John H. Martin, alias James J. McGunnige, Rogers and John McDonald, self-confessed murderer of William Mickle, should be conclusive proof that Martin is a crank, as the local police have though from the time they heard that he had confessed the murder of William Mickle to the Baltimore police.

He told the officers today that when a youth, living in Providence, R. I., he hal been struck across the head with a heavy blunt tool that caused his derangement and ultimate committal to the Rhode Island Hospital for the Insane. He says he escaped from the Rhole Island asylum. He today denied that he had yesterday told the Baltimore police that he had murdered Mickle. His description of the interior of the Mickle store given to Inspector Boardman last night convinced local officials that he had never been there until taken to the place yesterday.

When arrested in front of the Treasury last Fall he gave his name as Wylie Rogers. When committed to the asylum he said it was John McDonald. He today denied his story of being connected with a gang of counterfeiters told to the police when he was previously apprehended.

He was this evening sent out to Washington Asylum Hospital, where he will spend several weeks awaiting further examination into his mental condition. When taken in the hospital office he said to the physician in charge:

"I'm glad to be back with you again; it's homelike out here.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Too feeble to lift her head, Mrs. Louise Vermilya, on her cot in the county jail hospital, today pleaded not guilty to the indictment charging her with the murder of Policeman Arthur Bissonnette, whom she is accused of poisoning with arsenic. Because of her condition, she was not taken to the court room. Judge Keisten convened court in the hospital room.

"Flower Girl of Las Palmas"

Mexican story that is bound to attract the crowds at The Grand Theatre today. **

WILL REVISE IRON AND STEEL

Will Be First Thing on Tariff Legislative Programme After Congress Re-convenes—Other Tariff Matters

Washington, Dec. 28.—Revision of the iron and steel schedule will be the first thing on the tariff legislative programme of the House after Congress convenes next week.

Representative Underwood, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, made it known today after his return from a holiday trip, that the committee would postpone consideration of the wool schedule until every feature of the Tariff Board's report on the subject had been thoroughly studied. In the meantime it will press its work on October tariff matters with a view to adjourn in time for the nominating conventions.

Following the introduction and consideration of the steel schedule the Democratic leaders contemplate presenting to the House a revised chemical and a sugar tariff bill. It is also possible that a cotton schedule will be submitted with the wool bill, dependent, of course, upon the report of the Tariff Board.

This is expected late next month. If cotton is not included in the wool bill, it will be sent in as soon afterward as possible.

Determination of the House Democratic leaders to delay the wool bill is calculated to have an effect upon the purpose of the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee, who are drafting a wool schedule based upon the Tariff Board's report. They are hastening with the co-operation of the White House, to complete this bill and to urge it upon the floor of the House. If the Democratic bill is not submitted soon after the holidays, it is probable that the Republican bill will be withheld.

MAN 20,000 YEARS OLD.

Skeleton of That Age Found in British Columbia.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—Reading a paper on "Neolithic Man in British Columbia" before the Archaeological Institute of America today, Charles Hill-Tout, of Abbotsford, British Columbia, told of a skeleton recently found in that country which indicates that researchers are no closer to a knowledge of where civilization began than they were 50 years ago, and that it cannot be claimed for Egypt that it is the cradle of civilization.

Describing the skull of the skeleton, Mr. Hill-Tout said it belonged to a more than ordinary long-headed race. The skeleton, he said, was not less than 20,000 years old, and until its discovery the investigations carried on by the institute had extended back only 5,000 years.

Prof. William N. Bates, of the University of Pennsylvania, took for his subject a woman's gold ring, which was found in the Roman ruins. He described inscriptions it bore—namely, an engraving of a boy holding a rod—as signifying that a woman's life had been saved through the death of a child.

The institute and the American Philological Association, two of the most noted organizations of scholars in the country, opened their joint convention here today. Prominent educators from all parts of the United States and Canada and a number from Europe are attending.

CAROLINA ASSOCIATION

No Change in Personnel---Cities Comprising League

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 28.—The personnel of the Carolina Association of professional baseball clubs will remain the same the season of 1912 as it has been since the formation of the league in 1908. This was definitely decided at a meeting of the league directors held here today. The cities comprising the membership of the league are Winston, Greensboro, Charlotte, Spartanburg, Greenville and Anderson, S. C.

In addition to passing on the personnel of the league the directors re-elected J. H. Wearn and J. W. Todd, both of Charlotte, president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, and adopted a schedule. The season will open April 25th and close September 2nd.

OUTLINES.

Rev. Chas. M. Brewer, a Baptist minister, who was arrested charged with explosions at Fort Riley, Kas., on confession of a private in the United States Army, is said to have been in church when the explosion occurred. He says his arrest was unwarranted and appeals to the government to clear his name of the crime——The first thing on the tariff legislative programme after Congress re-convenes will be the revision of the iron and steel schedules——Army physicians who were sent to examine the condition of Chas. W. Morse, would not make a public report. It has been stated that the convicted banker is slowly dying——American pulp and print-paper manufacturers are protesting to President Taft the free admission of foreign pulp and print paper. The government has been disposed to let the matter be settled in the courts——George F. Blackwell was struck and killed by a Southern train near Columbia, S. C., yesterday while attempting to save his dog from being killed.

New York markets: Spot cotton closed dull. Money on call, steady, 3 to 4 per cent.; ruling rate 3 1-4; offered at 3. Flour quiet, and lower. Wheat spot, irregular, No. 2 red and 96 and 1-2 elevator, export basis and 98 fob afloat. Corn, spot, easy; export new, 68 1-2 fob afloat. Rosin quiet. Turpentine steady.

CAUSES HALT IN TRIAL OF PACKERS

Jury Excused Pending the Hearing of Legal Arguments.

OPERATIONS TWO COMPANIES

Kenwood Company and Aetna Trading Company Alleged Pools Used In Marketing Packers' By-Products

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Objection by counsel for the defense to evidence which the government seeks to introduce regarding the operations of the Kenwood Company and the Aetna Trading Company, halted the packers' trial today and caused Judge Carpenter to excuse the jury, pending the hearing of legal arguments. The government contends that the Kenwood Company, which was organized by the packers in 1900 and continued in business until 1905, was one of the alleged pools used to market the packers' bi-products. It is alleged that the Kenwood Company dealt in oleomargarine and the Aetna Trading Company in the same period dealt in casings.

The government expects to show that the Kenwood Company's profits were $4,000,000 in one year despite the fact that it was incorporated with a capital stock of only $14,000. The profits of the Aetna Trading Company also are alleged to have been proportionately large, by counsel for the government.

By making an inadequate allowance for these bi-products in figuring the test cost of the animals slaughtered, the packers were enabled to keep the profits of the parent concerns within reasonable limits, according to counsel.

The objection to this line of testimony came when Albert H. Veeder was questioned in regard to the business transacted by the subsidiary companies. "We have a right to know what the government intends to prove by going into the business of these companies and what relation it has to this company," said Attorney Levi Mayer, counsel for the defense. "The Kenwood Company dealt in oleomargarine and the Aetna Trading Company in casings and we cannot understand what relation this has to the allegations made in the indictment that there was a combination to control the price of fresh meat and the price paid in the purchase of cattle. For this reason we contend that this testimony is incompetent and ask to have it excluded."

"Standing alone I do not see the relevancy of this testimony but it may lead to something connected with the acts charged in the indictment," said Judge Carpenter. "I think the government should at this time state what it expects to prove."

Special Counsel Pierce Butler said the government expected to show that the packers made an inadequate allowance for bi-products in figuring the test cost of animals slaughtered which had a direct bearing on the workings of the alleged combination.

"We expect to develop in the trial that these companies are an important part of the pool or pools by which the packers between 19100 and 1905 fixed the price of fresh meat and the figures to be paid for cattle," said Attorney Butler. "They were used to market bi-products at a higher price than they could be sold direct by the parent concerns."

The argument of counsel on these points will be continued when court re-convenes tomorrow morning.

Jacob H. Schiff, manager for Kuhn, Loeb & Company, of New York, has been subpoenaed as a witness for the government and will be called next week.

Veeder today gave the details of the organization of the National Packing Company, which was formed March 18th, 1903, and which the government contends was the instrument used by the indicted packers to fix the price of meat.

The witness said that this corporation, which was capitalized at $15,000,000 was formed by the merging of thirteen companies and their subsidiaries and that the properties were paid for in stock of the National Packing Company.

Veeder said these companies were all purchased by Armour, Swift and Morris before Michael Cudahy was taken into the combination. He said all who sold their plants agreed not ot engage in the packing business for fifteen years.

"Have you any more contracts or agreements used in the organization of the National Packing Company?" asked Special Government Counsel Pierce Butler.

"About three bushels, but nothing you would want," replied witness Veeder.

"Who did you talk with in your negotiations with Kuhn, Loeb and Company, of New York, for loans for the National Packing Company?"

"Jacob H. Schiff. He was the manager of the firm and the whole thing," was Mr. Veeder's reply.

The witness was questioned regarding the Kenwood Company, a corporation organized by the agents or employes of the packers.

"That company was incorporated to deal in oleomargarine oil and I believe it did just what it was organized to do. It was incorporated in my office during my absence. I did not know anything that went on in my office," replied Mr. Veeder.

Asked about the Aetna Trading Company, Mr. Veeder said he knew nothing about the business of the concern.

INTERNATIONAL DIFFICULTIES

Pulp and Print Paper Manufacturers Protest Against Free Admission of Foreign Pulp and Print Paper.

Washington, Dec. 28.—American pulp and print paper manufacturers are bringing pressure to bear upon President Taft to induce him to refuse to yield to the demand of certain European governments for the free admission of their pulp and print paper on terms of equality with the Canadian product. The disposition of the administration has been to let this matter be determined by the courts, but as this involves long delay, the diplomatic protestants are by no means satisfied and are adopting measures to show their resentment.

Count Von Bernstorf, the German ambassador, has informed the State Department that Germany would not accord to American exporters the reduced duties on tool steel and hard rubber accorded the Swedish and Japanese exporters under their special treaties because America did not admit German wood pulp and print paper free of duty.

The ambassador was reminded that the German exporters would not suffer by the delay if their claim was just, because they had paid the duties into the American treasury under protest, which gave them the right to recover in case the court of customs appeals should decide in their favor, as is expected.

In view of the peculiar condition under which Canadian pulp and paper got upon the free list in spite of the failure of the reciprocity measure, some consideration is being given to the propriety of leaving to Congress the adjustment of the international difficulties that have arisen.

DISCOVER DYNAMITE

Think It Another Attempt to Destroy Bridge

Chicago, Dec. 28.—What may have been an attempt to destroy the Thebes bridge over the Mississippi river at Thebas, Ill., came to the attention of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Company with the news of several children finding a quantity of dynamite with fuse attached among the timbers of an overhead bridge which spans the track approaches to the railroad bridge.

"Our informant, C. W. Mogg, station agent at Thebas," said W. J. Jackson, vice president of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, "sent a message to me saying that 14 sticks of dynamite with cap and fuse attached had been found by children beneath the wagon bridge. The explosive was in a position to threaten the tracks which are used by all our trains and to wreck the railroad bridge approaches."

The dynamite was discovered Sunday but the railroad officials at Thebas worked in secret for a time in the hope of apprehending whoever was responsible for the placing of the explosive.

Arrests Will be Made.

Thebes, Ill., Dec. 28.—Three railroad detectives who have been conducting investigation here since dynamite was found beneath the approach of the Thebes Railroad bridge across the Mississippi, refused tonight to discuss the case, but it was stated authoritatively that several clues have been run down and that arrests probably will be made soon.

The Chicago & Eastern Illinois, Illinois Central, St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern and St. Louis Southwestern railroads used the bridge.

Presence of the railroad detectives here caused it to become known that 500 freight cars have been robbed recently. Many tramps who have been loitering in the yards are blamed for the robberies.

WOMAN MURDERED.

Mrs. Wiley Jones Shot at Roanoke by Unknown Person.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 28.—Widespread interest was aroused here today over the finding of a coroner's jury that Mrs. Wiley Jones, on Tuesday morning "came to her death by a 38-calibre pistol ball in unknown hands.

The woman was found in the yard of her home at Bassett, near here, with a bullet wound in the back of her head and powder stains on her bonnet. A 38-calibre revolver with one chamber empty, was found in the house and the coroner's jury drew alleged contradictory statements from the husband and his 15-year-old son as to the whereabouts of the weapon.

J. R. Taylor, the prosecuting attorney, who was present at the inquest, said tonight that early arrests were likely. Mrs. Jones was related to some of the most prominent people in this part of Virginia. A variety of suspicions have been expressed and the commonwealth's attorney promises a rigid investigation.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 28.—While copperheads, rattlers, and adders writhed over the floor, and tarantulas and other poisonous insects darted here and there, firemen today fought a blaze in the bird and snake store of W. O. Learn. The reptiles became liberated when the streams of water shattered the boxes in which they were confined. Five hundred parrots were suffocated and 350 snakes were roasted to death. The financial loss was small.

RUSSIA MAKES A REQUEST TO CHINA

Asks That China Promptly Resume Control of Mongolia.

CHINA UNABLE TO COMPLY

Mongolia Has Been Proclaimed Independent—A Religious Movement. Long Dissatisfaction Among the Mongols.

Nanking, Dec. 28.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen has been unanimously elected President of the Republic of China.

Peking, Dec. 28.—In response to a direct request of the Russian government, made to the Chinese foreign office, by the charge d'affaires today that China should promptly resume control of Mongolia, the Chinese declared its inability to comply at the present moment. The only action it is able to take regarding Mongolia, the independence of which has been proclaimed in the appointment of two commissioners who have been ordered to proceed by way of the trans-Siberian Railway to Urga, the chief city, is to persuade the Mongol authorities, if possible, to renew their allegiance to China. But in view of the present crisis it is understood that these commissioners will never leave Peking.

It is understood that Kutkuku, who is the religious head of the Mongol Buddhists, was proclaimed Khen today. According to the Lama doctrine this dignitary, the Kutkuku is the terrestrial impersonification of the god-head and never dies, but passes, after his apparent decease, into the body of some newly born boy who is sought for afterwards according to the prophetic indications of the Delai Lama in Thibet. The independence movement is largely religious.

The dissatisfaction of the Mongolian people has been long-standing, the Russians say, owing to the Chinese capacity and corruption. The Chinese governors always have plundered the Mongols and enriched themselves, while at the same time carrying on an unjust administration.

For several years past the Chinese have been aggravating Russia and have been treating her contumaciously since the Japanese defeated her. The Chinese game is to organize modern troops and to take other military measures along the Russian frontiers. Russia has often protested against this, and the Chinese foreign board has verbally agreed to the Russian demands, but has never fulfilled its promises. As late as October 8th, the foreign board's written reply evaded Russia's demands.

The Russian legation has contended that the Chinese preparations necessitated he maintenance by Russia of large and expensive military forces on the Mongolian borders.

Furthermore, Outer Mongolia is adjacent to Russian territory and its interests are more closely related to Russia than China, the latter being accessible to the Gobi desert.

The attaches of Japan and Great Britain may be expected to watch events closely, but there will be no cause for alarm until Russian troops cross the Gobi desert. The construction later of the Baikal-Kalgan Railway might necessitate the employment of Russian troops for protection, as was the case along the Trans-Siberian in Manchuria, but that is a consideration for the future. The present step is apparently only a diplomatic one in the Russian programme of expansion, which did not terminate with the treaty of Portsmouth. Although the Russians declare their desire that Mongolia shall continue as a buffer-State, the attitude of the Mongolian princes, who assembled in Peking today, depends entirely on circumstances. As they are not able to defend themselves, they will probably accept terms from the Peking government, whether monarchial or republican.

Cede to Republicans.

Lodon, Dec. 28.—A rumor was current in London tonight that Dr. Sun Yat Sen has been elected President of the Chinese Republic by the Republicans in Shanghai.

The Daily Telegraph's Peking correspondent notes a remarkable change in the tone of the semi-official press, foreshadowing the establishment of a Republic and adds that Yang Shao Yi has resigned and ceded to the Republicans.

Another remarkable development, he says, is that the provincial general issimos have commenced ordering back the metropolitan officials, who follow the general issimos to their native provinces. This alone, says the correspondent, breaks up the central government and renders the Manchu position absolutely desperate.

Retirement from Premiership?

Paris, Dec. 28.—A Peking dispatch to the Paris edition of the New York Herald says:

"Disgusted at the refusal of the Imperial clan to contribute to the war chest, Yuan Shi Kai tonight took sick leave. It is believed that this presages his early retirement from the Premiership. He bitterly resents the bad faith of Wu Ting Fang and his party in proposing a National congress, and now insisting upon a rump, not a representative congress. Yuan fears that a Republic means the country's dissolution and believes the only sane solution is to fight it out, but he is handicapped by a lack of money.

Premier Wants $10,000,000

Peking, Dec. 28.—The assembly in

the palace today to discuss affairs connected with a settlement of the revolution was productive of at least one dramatic incident. The Dowager Empress, Premier Yuan Shi Kai and the Princess of the Imperial Clan wept and the debate waxed so warm that finally Yuan Sho Kai arose and offered his resignation. This, however, was refused.

Premier Yuan explained to the princess that he could continue the government and retain the country north of the Yang Tse only by having funds placed at his disposal.

He asked the princess to empower him to obtain money. He explained that $10,000,000 would meet the payments for the soldiers for nve months after which the South would become disunited and province after province would return to the allegiance to the throne.

But the princes were unmoved. They pleaded lack of money, although most of them are very wealthy. None has given any substantial amount to aid the government with the exception of Prince China, who has handed over more than $100,000 for that purpose. The Dowager Empress wept and Yuan Shi Kai showed signs of distress. Then he declared that he would not desert her and the child emperor and agreed to continue.

It is said tonight that Yuan Shi Kai intends to make another attempt to obtain a loan of ten million from the "four nation" group of which three countries signified their williness to furnish a loan three weeks ago, England declining to participate. The Premier says that he will not use the money for a campaign of aggression, but will leave the republican provinces to consummate their own destruction, only defending the north bank of the Yang Tse when attacked. He asserts that the rebels have small resources and that their troops already are engaged in plundering.

Yuan Shi Kai's appearance has changed greatly since his arrival in Peking. He has aged materially and shows the effects of the continued strain. He says that he does not understand the republican form of government and would not associate himself with it.

New Enterprise Probable.

It is rumored that Wilmington is to have another manufacturing enterprise in the near future, but just the nature of the plant has not yet been divulged. It is understood, however, that about 50 men will be employed and that all the money necessary for the venture has been subscribed. While the location has not yet been definitely determined upon, it is understood that those interested have a site in mind which will most likely be selected if a sidetrack can be built to it to connect with the tracks of the Coast Line, a distance of possibly one-third of a mile. Something definite regarding the enterprise will probably be given out in a short time.

Left Hind Foot of Deer

With the compliments of Col. E. D. Pearsall, the sage of Rocky Point, The Star received last night the "left hind foot of the buck that was lassoed recently by Capt. Davis of the steamer Red Bird, up the river in Pender county." As will be recalled from Col. Pearsall's account of the capture of the deer, the buck towed the steamer for some distance until the animal was killed and furnished venison for the family and friends of its captor for some time.

VESSELS COLLIDE

Torpedo Boat Destroyer in Distress—No News from Schooner

New York, Dec. 28.—Wireless dispatches received here today from the cruiser Salem which was dispatched today to the rescue of the torpedo boat destroyer Warrington, reported in distress 25 miles northeast of Cape Hatteras, state that the destroyer was in collision early this morning with a schooner and was badly damaged. The schooner which was unidentified was lost in the darkness and nothing was learned of her fate.

The Warrington, which with nine other vessels of the Atlantic torpedo fleet, left Charleston yesterday for New York, was being towed into Hampton Roads tonight by the revenue cutter Onondaga and was taking in water and was settling down at the stern. Two of the destroyer crew, J. N. Staney, chief gfunner, and G. W. Hounder, chief boatswain's mate, were injured, the latter seriously but according to the dispatches, were "doing as well as could be expected."

The Warrington was struck on the starboard side near the engine room with force enough to smash in one of her frames and it is presumed that the sailing vessel must also have suffered injury. The messages do not reveal the full extent of the damage but state that the destroyer "watered up to her engine room bulkhead."

Three officers and twelve of the crew were still on the Warrington, according to the last of the messages received late tonight, but the rest had been taken aboard the cutter Onondaga with the injured men.

A wireless message later received from the Salem tonight, read:

"Will give approximate arrival at Norfolk navy yard after condition of weather is known at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. So far everything is going nicely."

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 28.—Torpedo boat destroyer Warrington rammed by schooner in storm. Fifty-six men were transferred from the Warrington to the revenue cutter Onondaga.

Boston, Dec. 27.—The Executive Council acted favorably today on the petition for a pardon for former Mayor William P. White, of Lawrence, now serving a three-year sentence in the Lawrence jail for conspiracy in connection with the appointment of a fire chief of that city. Governor Foss immediately signed the necessary papers.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

ASKS TO "GET RELIGION"

Murderer to Be Respited if He Can Show Prospect of Conversion

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 28.—If proper assurance can be given Gov. John M. Slaton that Benjamin Merck, of Gainesville, Ga., condemned to hang for murder December 29th, can "get religion" in the next 30 days, that length of time in the form of a respite will be granted him.

Merck has been the most disappointing of near converts. He was convicted of wife murder six months ago, and ever since has been just on the verge of accepting the faith, failing to make the goal at the last minute. Then Merck's spiritual advisers have had to begin all over again. This is the situation at present, and Merck is fearfully anxious to get religion before he goes to the gallows. Thirty days he considers is sufficient to make him a real believer.

Because of Merck's eagerness to "get religion" before he goes to the gallows, a delegation from Gainesville, headed by Congressman Tom Bell, called on Gov. Slaton today and asked that he be granted a 30-day reprieve in order to make peace with God.

Congressman Bell, who was spokesman, said Merck ought to be hanged, as he was undoubtedly guilty, but that the man was truly penitent and should be given time to get religion, so that he might die as a Christian and not lose his soul.

"I am inclined to grant the respite," said Gov. Slaton, "if you gentlemen will assure me that Merck can get religion in 30 days."

BOXING IN ATLANTA

Boastful Town Taking Again to Sport in Roped Arena

Atlanta, Dec. 28.—Prize fighting has made a distinct hit in Atlanta and is undoubtedly here for good and all. The class of matches put on the past two weeks has made the club solid with the many fans and no longer will they be content without a bout once a week.

Prior to the opening of Staten's Club Atlanta was without a boxing club, which in a large measure was due to the opposition to the game by several ministers. The game as now conducted is on the highest level attainable and no kick from any quarter has been made. All are thoroughly satisfied with the class of fights being put on and are supporting the club as it should be to make it a success. Only the better class of fighters appear and no dirty work has to be contended with.

The card for Friday calls for a go between Terry Nelson, the Chicago Greek, and Joe Grim, of Baltimore. Both have been seen in previous houts here and are good boxers. Grim secured a draw with Jake Abel while Nelson won over Abel. This seems to give Nelson the better of the argument and the going promises to be fast and furious. Nelson is a boring fighter, while Grim is a finished handler of the gloves.

FRANK BAKER BUYS FARM.

Baseball Hero Purchases 70-Acre Tract in Delaware.

Dover, Del., Dec. 28.—J. Franklin Baker, the home-run maker, put $4,300 of his world's series money to good use here last week, when he bought a 70-acre farm from Mrs. Emma Tarburton, a neighbor of his, near the Maryland line.

The man whose big stick beat the Giants in the recent series for the world's championship lives in Trappe, Md., which is close to the Delaware line, and certainly near enough for him to drive a ball from one State into the other. He has a fine 200-acre farm on the Maryland side of the line, and his new property is on the road that winds past his old farm. Now both Delaware and Maryland are claiming the great home-run maker of the Athletics.

Baker enjoys a great reputation for thriftiness, and even the crankiest old hayseeds in this district now reckon that baseball isn't a bad business if one can make the success of it that Johnny Baker has made. Baker, however, can plow as well as play ball, and can swing a flail as well as he can wield a bat. Baker has profited at farming, and the folk hereabouts are beginning to think that when the next world's series is played all the capitalists will not be in the grand stand.

HIS RESIGNATION WANTED.

Health Officer of Port of New York to Lose Position.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Gov. Dix has asked for the immediate resignation of Dr. Alvah H. Doty as health officer of the port of New York, a position he has held since 1895. Dr. Doty's term expired last January.

His removal was recommended recently by Charles N. Bulger, the commissioner appointed by the Governor to investigate the management and affairs of the office.

In his letter to Dr. Doty the Governor reviews the report of Commissioner Bulger who declared that the history of the business administration of the State's quarantine "is replete with evidence of gross incompetency and inexcusable negligence."

The Governor says the evidence shows a condition of squalor and uncleanliness in the rooms where immigrants were kept that shocks one's sense of decency and makes one ashamed of this country.

TENDENCY IS TO BIG FARMS.

Improved Methods and Use of Machinery Make Agriculture Pay.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—That the tendency of the age is for larger farms and better methods with a saving of cost by the use of modern machinery was the consensus of opinion expressed at the fifth annual meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers here tonight.

"There is an increasing demand and we must make room for the master mind in the agricultural field. There are 8,000 less farms in Iowa this year than last," said Prof. J. B. Davidson, of the Iowa State Agricultural College.

"An agricultural survey made in Tompkins county, New York, hsowed that the small farmer was, at best, only making laborer's wages, and that the large farmer was making money. It means that the farmers must put the farm on a factory basis and quit guessing at profit and loss."

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FOR UNKNOWN PARTS

Steamer of Holy Ghost and Its Society Sails With Members

Portland, Maine, Dec. 28.—In the face of a heavy gale the steamer Barracoute, one of the fleet of the Holy Ghost and Us Society, steamed away for parts unknown today. She carried several members of the Shiloh colony and was commanded by Captain A. K. Perry, who captained the bark Kingdom, which was lost on the African coast. The Barracouta was the first of the Shiloh fleet to leave port since the conviction of the society leader, the Rev. Frank W. Sandford, for being responsible for the death of seven of the passengers and crew of the Cornet.

PRESENTED CLOCK.

A. P. Hill Camp Confederate Veterans Gets Present from Massachusetts.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 28.—A handsome clock, 30 inches high, was presented to the A. P. Hill company of Confederate Veterans, of this city, tonight by the Massachusetts delegation which attended the unveiling of the Massachusetts monument on the Crater battlefield here in November. The presentation was made by Major Robert E. Green, chief of staff to Governor Foss, and was accepted by Judge J. M. Mullen, of the Hustings court of Petersburg on behalf of A. P. Hill camp.

SCHOONER ON LEDGES.

Four Master Wrecked, Crew Being Rescued by Life Savers.

Block Island, R. I., Dec. 28.—The four masted schooner Mary Adelade Randell, of Port Jefferson, N. Y., coal-laden, was hurled upon the ledges west of Block Island by a terrific northwesterly gale early today and four hours and a half later her crew of 10 men was rescued by the Block Island life saving crew.

The rescue was spectacular and was accomplished only after the life savers had tried repeatedly to reach the stranded craft.

The Randell was bound from Norfolk for New London, Conn.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 28.—Colonel Henry Birmingham and Majors Fauntleroy and Russell, composing the army medical board of inquiry sent here to make a special examination of Charles W. Morse, returned to Washington today. They declined to make any comment on Morse's condition, and their report will be submitted direct to President Taft.

To give quiet to dwellers in noisy streets an English builder has simply used windows with double glazing. In sick rooms, lecture rooms and others the sound of street cars and the rumble of wagons were greatly diminished and the sound of voices was made imperceptible.

SALVATION ARMY IN RUSSIA

Council of Ministers Will Not Allow It To Carry on Work

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The Council of Ministers has decided not to allow the Salvation Army to carry on its work in Russia.

General William Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, went to St. Petersburg in 1909 to negotiate with the government for permission to establish a branch in Russia. He was strongly opposed by the Holy Synod.

FARMER ARRESTS BANKERS.

President and Cashier Accused of Misapplication of Funds.

Magnolia, Miss., Dec. 28.—E. S. Atkinson, president, and Woodson Atkinson, cashier o the People's Bank of Summitt, which recently made a general assignment in favor of its creditors, were arrested yesterday on a warrant charging misapplication of funds. They were released on $5,000 bail each. The warrant was sworn out by J. W. Evans, an Amite farmer, who alleges that he had $22,000 on deposit in the bank.

New York, Dec. 28.—Al Palser, the local heavyweight, knocked out Al Kaufman, of California, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten-round bout at the National Sporting Club tonight with a right upper-cut to the chin.

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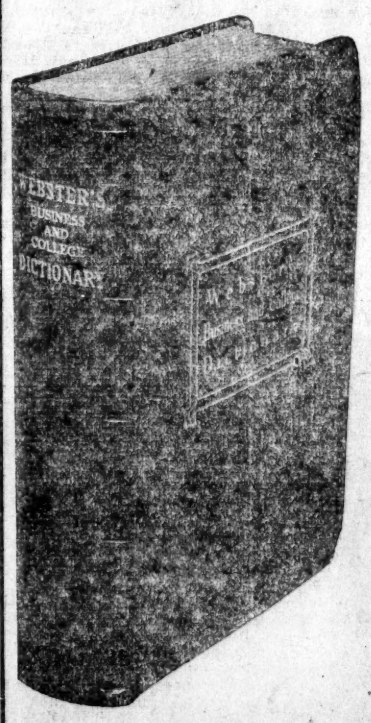

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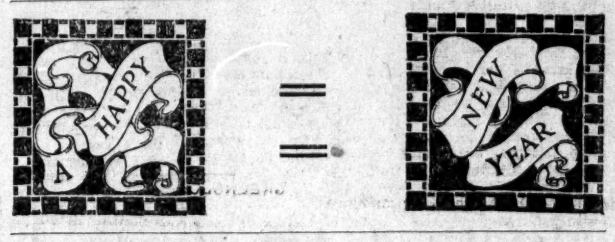

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AFFAIRS AT STATE CAPITAL

Excavations for McIver Statue—Several Charters Granted—Suit Against Southern—Hearing as to Rates—Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—The excavations are being made in Capital Square for the granite base for the bronze statue of Dr. Chas. D. McIver, and the statue will be installed within the next few weeks, although there will be no unveiling of it until some time in the Spring.

The statue, which is of bronze, heroic size, has already arrived. There is to be an exact duplicate of it for the grounds of the State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, which was founded by Dr. McIver, this institution being the crowning effort of his useful career. The statues are by F. W. Ruckstuhl, who has also designed the marble busts of distinguished Carolinians that have been placed in the State house the past few years.

The Wade Stockard Co., Greensboro, received a charter today from the State for a general mercantile business with $25,000 capital authorized and $5,000 subscribed by Wade Stockard, Hugh McGuigan, H. S. Wimbish, Lynchburg, Va., and others as incorporators. There is also a domestication for the Mebane Virginia Land & Water Power Co., of Byrdville, Va., with the principal North Carolina office at Spray, N. C., where S. H. Marshall, the president of the corporation, resides.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner has gone to Greensboro to attend a regular meeting of the executive board of the State Normal and Industrial College, of which he is chairman.

W. M. Creech, of Clayton, has instituted suit against the Southern Railroad Co., for damages alleged to have been sustained Christmas day on the train from Raleigh to Clayton. He quarreled with the ticket collector on the train, the latter being charged with having beatn him over the head and face with his ticket punch. The quarrel was over the amount of money that should be collected from Creech for Clayton-Raleigh fare. Creech is demanding $5,000 damages.

The transportation committee of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers' Association, Fred N. Tate, High Point, chairman, is to be in Raleigh tomorrow afternoon for a conference with the Corporation Commission with reference to revision and reduction of a number of freight rate schedules that the committee desire that the North Carolina Commission to take up with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

There are coming into the State headquarters of the North Carolina National Guard here from the captains and other officers of the Guard the solutions of the military problems that were sent out as the first feature of the correspondence school some weeks ago. Adjutant General Leinster and Capt. Dougherty, who are conducting this school, pronounce many of the papers that are being sent in especially creditable. The best thus far, it is said, came from Capt. R. R. Morrison, Mooresville; among the other especially good being Major T. S. Pace, Wilson, and F. C. Black, Charlotte.

TROUBLE IN MOROCCO

Entire Spanish Army Advanced on Riffian Tribesmen

Madrid, Dec. 28.—Advices from Melilla, Morocco, say that the whole Spanish army advanced yesterday and "repulsed and decimated" the Riffian tribesmen. One of the Spanish generals, named Ros, was wounded and special correspondents in their dispatches say that the Spanish casualties totalled 27 killed and 105 wounded while the Riffians lost 400 killed.

The Franco-Spanish negotiations on the question of Morocco are not advancing as rapidly as had been expected. Spain is not willing to cede what France asks and the situation between the two countries is becoming worse.

In an interview published in the Imparcial General Luque, minister of war, says that French agitators are really responsible for the new Riffian uprising, which, curiously enough, broke out at the moment when the Franco-Spanish pour parlers opened.

PATTERSON GETS SON

Will Take Him to Tennessee and Place Him in Sanitarium

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.—A court order was signed here permitting former Governor Malcom Patterson, of Tennessee, to remove his 23-year-old son, Malcom. C. Patterson, from the State of Washington, on filing a bond of $5,000, to guarantee that the young man would not return to this State.

Ex-Governor Patterson furnished the bond and his son who had been in the county jail, was turned over to him. He has stated that he will place the youth in a Tennessee sanitarium. Young Patterson shot R. T. Seal, at Port Orchard, December 7th. He was examined as to his sanity and experts found that he was suffering from dipsomonia induced by drinking continuously for five years. Although Seal was shot close to the heart, he is recovering.

CONFEDERATE SURGEON DEAD

Dr. Thos. C. Pugh Died at Baltimore —Former North Carolinian

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—Dr. Thomas Clowman Pugh, for four years a surgeon in the Confederate army under General Longstreet, died at his home here today of Bright's disease. He was born at Williamston, N. C., 74 years ago. He enlisted as assistant surgeon and was promoted to full surgeon for heroic conduct on the battlefield. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Gettysburg and sent to Fort McHenry from which he made his escape.

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PROGRESSIVE ROSE HILL

Road Bonds Sold and Work Will Begin With New Year—Notes

(By E. McNair Carr).

Rose Hill, N. C., Dec. 28.—It is so good to those who have stood in the thickest of the fight for good roads to know that the bonds are sold and that work will begin the first of the New Year, under the township system, which is the best after all can be said for a county system. These good roads make possible the rapid development of a most wonderful back country for miles in every direction. In fact, our friends all over Duplin county, as well as the State, often tell us our town has as fine back country and as fine prospects for wonderful strides of progress as can be found anywhere. These new roads will go through miles upon miles of vast areas of good lands only awaiting development to be the most valuable in the world.

It is easy to see that the next ten years will bring about the completion of the new drainage districts of Muddy Creek, Maxwell Swamp, Rockfish, Island Creek and Lockland Pocosin, comprising at least 12,000 acres, and as rich as Egypt itself. Then would you be an optimist and witness in a decade the happy reality of our town exporting grain and all kinds of stock right along with the whole train loads of truck and all other crops as well?

Nature has been good to us with her vast thousands of acres of stiff piney woods lands found in every direction in the Rose Hill belt. These lands are a veritable Klondyke under a system of good roads, aided by improved intensive methods of farming, fast coming in vogue in this section when often two bales of cotton per acre follow a profitable early truck crop and finally a crop of oats can follow the cotton in Winter.

Last, but by no means least in importance, is our thousands of acres of wet, stiff bay lands that only await drainage, and tile drainage at that, to be made valuable far in excess of our fondest hopes. As direct proof of this, the late Dr. Hatcher has left us the rich experience we should use in the proper development of these wet lands. Located one-half mile from the depot, his truck farm of 16 acres, was once a bog, covered with water the year round, where bull frogs made music to while away the dead hours of the night. This land was drained with ditches four feet deep and then tile drained and then deep sub-soiled and then marled. The crops grown there are the delight of all who see them, and there is never a failure in either wet or dry seasons. This small truck farm, even the rents, will support a family. His experience is a great heritage as he has shown us the way to become rich by intensive methods, even on lands once considered worthless, but now worth $300 per acre and not for sale at that price.

Along with our rich lands follow our good roads, rural free delivery, rural telephones, good schools, many churches, and nearness to truck markets. And then why are we not a people peculiarly blessed above all others, possessed of such a goodly land as ours?

GREENSBORO TO POMONA.

Extension of Street Cars—T. P. A. to Have Celebration.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 28.—The extension of the North Carolina Public Service Company line to Pomona is complete and today the first cars were sent over the lines for passenger travel. The line extends from the passenger station to Lindley Park, thence on over the extension to Pomona. This extension considerably enlarges the company's system in Greensboro and gives the people residing in that thriving suburb, four miles from Greensboro, electric car service to and from Greensboro. The Public Service Company will operate 30-minute schedule over this line daily and will charge a fare of 10 cents from Greensboro to the terminus at Pomona.

The Greensboro Post A, T. P. A., is planning a "big night" tomorrow night whe a banquet will be served at the Clegg Hotel dining room. Several after dinner talks will be made, among those down for toasts being Mayor Murphy, of Greensboro; W. S. Dorr, State president; J. J. Norman, C. F Tomlinson, national director; L. J. Brandt, C. H. Ireland and Charles G. Lee, State attorney.

BRING CIVIL ACTION

Son-in-Law of Richard Croker Is to Bring Suit Against Him

New York, Dec. 28.—Richard Croker, former leader of Tammany Hall, and his sons Richard Croker, Jr., and Howard Croker, were made joint defendants in a civil action begun today by John J. Breen to recover $100,000. Breen married Miss Ethel J. Croker, a daughter of the former Tammany chieftain, on April 28th, 1910, and alleges his wife's affections were ahenated by Croker and his sons. Breen declares in his complaint that he and his wife lived happily together until the defendants induced her to leave him.

Breen was a teacher of horsemanship when he and Miss Croker were married by a justice of the peace in Hoboken, N. J. It was said at the time that the family of the bride was much displeased at the marriage.

Richard Croker came here from his Irish estate about two months ago and recently went to Florida for the winter.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND.

Emma Jane Davis, Willie McKeller, Thomas E. McKeller (minor), by Marshall H. Hill, next friend:

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court made the 27th day of December, 1911, wherein Emma Jane Davis, Willie McKeller and Thomas E. McKeller (minor), by Marshall H. Hill, next friend, were parties ex parte, the undersigned commissioner will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, at the Court House door, on the 20th day of January, 1912, at 12 o'clock, in New Hanover County, the following described land in the city of Wilmington, N. C.

Beginning at a point in the Eastern line of Fifth Street, 30 feet from the Southern line of Nixon alley, where it intersects with the Eastern line of Fifth street and between Red Cross and Walnut streets, and running thence East parallel with said Nixon alley 82½ feet; thence North, parallel with Fifth street 30 feet, to the Southern line of lot No. 2, in Block 222, of L. C. Turner's survey, of 1856; thence West, parallel with Red Cross street, and along said Southern line of said lot No. 2, aforementioned, 82½ feet, to the Eastern line of Fifth street; thence South along the said Eastern line of Fifth street 30 feet, to the beginning, and being part of the Western half of lot No. 3, Block 222, Turner's plan of the City of Wilmington aforesaid.

This, the 27th day of December, 1911.

K. C. SIDBURY, Commissioner.

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DEER HUNTING IN PENDER

Novel Method og Capturing Monarchs of the Forest

Rocky Point, N. C., Dec. 28.—I am sending you under separate cover, for Col. Clawson's especial benefit, the left hind foot of the buck that was lassoed by Cappen Davis in the Northeast river near Ashe's Neck. It can be and is often used as a deadly weapon. The deer as well as all mankind, has a natural antipathy to snakes and when a rattler or moccasin comes across his path he gets a hump on and comes down on his snakeship making sausage meat on short notice of the victim.

There are several "deer fords" on the Northeast river, at "Money Hole," "Warm Ridge," "Hungry Neck," "Mulberry," "Tate's Neck," "Brick Chimney," Lillington Creek and many other places. The veteran hunters, Messrs. W. O. Johnston and R. S. Futch inform us that in olden times the dogs were put on the trail and a couple or more boats were sent in the river with two men in each. As he swims across the boatmen by rapid strokes approach the monarch of the forest by the stern, seize onto his caudal extremity and stretch it to an agle of about forty-five degrees thus burying his head under the water where after a considerable struggle the deer is drowned. But it takes good, strong nerves, for if the tail is not firmly gripped or is raised too high, those razor-blade feet of his will be apt to get in some good work and leave the hunter as artistically carved as if he had attended a negro 'festibul.' And the hunter must be perfectly immune from the "buck ague," well-known to amatuer hunters. There is considerable sport and much excitement in thus hunting. No guns are allowed, simply a knife for slashing the deer's throat. Only last week a fine buck was thus captured above Lane's Ferry. E. D. P.

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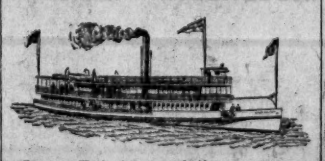

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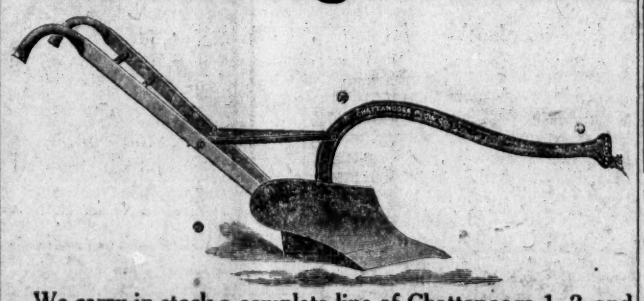

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No. 90, ‡ 3:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 3:35 P. M. and Richmond 4:10 P. M.)	No. 91, a 1:00 A. M.
No. 51, * 5:45 A. M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. **Pullman Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.**	No. 50, *11:40 P. M.
No. 64, ‡ 5:50 A. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 65, ‡ 6:50 P. M.
No. 48, * 8:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service.**	No. 49, * 6:15 P. M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A. M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52, * 8:05 P. M.
No. 55, * 3:15 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway (!) Florence, Charleston, Savannah, **All Florida Points,** Columbia, Asheville and the West. **Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.**	No. 54, 1:40 P. M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P. M.
No. 59, ‡ 6:30 P. M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations.	No. 60, ‡10:15 A. M.
No. 42, * 7:00 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. **Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman and Dining Car Service. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.**	No. 41, * 9:45 A. M.
No. 57, ‡ 7:30 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate Stations.	No. 58, ‡ 8:30 A. M.

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Friday, December 29, 1911.

Poor General Reyes is like the most of us. Our friends are many when we are winners but few when we are not able to turn the trick.

It is said Santa Claus found more new chimneys in Wilmington than he ever found in all the years of his coming. Even Santa takes notice of the progress of Wilmington.

In Rusia the law prohibits a man from marrying after he is 80 years of age. In this country a man that age can't find anybody to have him unless he is rich and makes his will beforehand.

The Aldrich currency reform plan seems to be regarded as a New York plan instead of a National plan. Congress will probably have to arrange its own plan so people can have some confidence in it.

Col. Roosevelt winds up the year making a noise like other men don't have a thing to do but lie on him. It looks funny for any man to be always putting his word against what the whole crowd says.

Already there are charges of graft in connection with the New York peace banquet tomorrow night. This no doubt will cause Mr. Carnegie to look under the table to catch somebody trying to pull his leg.

In opening his "campaign" for the Presidential nomination or for some other purpose of insurgency, Senator LaFollette, in his speech at Cleveland, Ohio, gave good reasons why the Republicans should not again be trusted with power. If he ever expects to see the affairs of this country conducted mainly according to his principles, he should join the Democracy.

In the dire extremity of the G. O. P., it is caluculated to aggravate its malady to have Smoot, the Mormon, going around as its spokesman. The G. O. P.'s invalidism ought to increase on account of some of the trust friends it has made and on account of some of the other friends it has. We don't care what happens to Jumbo in 1912.

It seems that the revolution in China does not mean so much the freedom of China as it does its dismemberment. The cablegrams yesterday say Russia will annex Mongol and Turkestan which contain more territory than China proper. The probability is that Russia and Japan are working together in a plan to leave very little of China for a republic.

We are told that there has been an overproduction of coal this year, but judging from the way the price holds up, coal has been better financed than cotton. Some of the miners complain of the depression of prices, but no complaint has been heard from the middlemen. If the coal operators had a better system of distribution they would find out that lots of the demand for coal has not been supplied.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot having taken over the Norfolk Landmark, there will be only one morning paper there after January 1st. The surviving paper will be the Virginian-Pilot which is one of the South's ablest and best newspapers. We doubt whether there will be any "greater" Virginian-Pilot on account of this newspaper merger, for that paper has in every particular been supplying Norfolk's need for a progressive and thoroughly excellent morning newspaper. The Landmark also has been a most excellent paper and the editorial work on it has been one of its noted features. We shall miss the Landmark, for it was always one of The Star's most highly esteemed exchanges.

THE EDITOR STATESMAN.

The Charlotte Observer, in noting the fact that Editor Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, will deliver an address in Charlotte tomorrow night on the subject of President Taft's pending peace treaties with Great Britain and France, pronounces the distinguished Kentuckian "America's greatest editor." Holding in abeyance for the moment our interest in Colonel Watterson's great mission to the South, and the honor which has fallen to Charlotte and North Carolina by reason of the great editor's visit, The Star can easily line up with the Observer in ascribing to the Courier-Journal's editor the highest place in American journalism. There are many brilliant and great editors in the United States, but we doubt whether any of them will even dispute "Marse Henry's" pre-eminence. If Col. Watterson were not an editor he would be great, for its elements are in him. He would have made one of the Republic's greatest statesmen, but it would have been at a great sacrifice to American journalism.

The Kentucky editor's universally conceded brilliancy and splendid ability are but the high grade equipment of the man. His long experience in journalism counts for something, but his wisdom and lofty character count for more. With all his magnificent gifts and varied attainments, we doubt whether any of the attributes of his greatness are so potent as the unsullied character, the high purpose, the unimpeachable integrity, the high sense of honor, and the honest convictions of the man Watterson. Talking all of Col. Watterson's gifts and traits into consideration, he just about sits at the head of the table of the world's editors. Then to think of it, he is a Democratic editor and sees clean through Teddy the Tetrach!

The Charlotte Chronicle in an editorial on Wednesday says about his coming to Charlotte:

"Col. Henry Watterson, who is to speak in Charlotte Saturday night, is making a short tour of the country, in the interest of peace by arbitration. His Charlotte address will be in behalf of the ratification of the general arbitration treaties with France and Great Britain. It might be said that President Taft is leader-in-chief of this peace movement. He has been quoted as saying that these treaties, if ratified, 'will do much toward establishing arbitration as the means of settling all international difficulties. It would be a great misfortune if we were not able to avail ourselves of the opportunity which offers. I do not doubt we shall be able to negotiate with many other countries similar treaties, if these are confirmed by the Senate.' Col. Watterson's tour as an evangel of international peace will be calculated to further the ends of the arbitration treaties. That he will handle the subject in a masterly manner there can be no doubt. Henry Watterson is a speaker worth hearing, no matter his subject."

Col. Watterson is coming to North Carolina to help President Taft in a cause which the great editor knows is right. That is one of the great editor's strong points—he always thunders for the right. The great principle in the treaties is eternally right, it matters not what the wording of the treaties is. The text and terms of the treaties are for Congress to agree upon, but all who love peace and hate war must agree upon the noble principle involved in this propaganda for world peace—the peace of civilized nations.

Col. Watterson comes to North Carolina as the evangel of peace and as the powerful apostle of President Taft's peace treaty propaganda. He is, threfore, welcomed to North Carolina both for that and because the people of this State are among his ardent admirers and delight in his presence in their midst. His eastern North Carolina friends and admirers are only too sorry that he is not coming to Winsome Wilmington.

TRUCKLED TO TEDDY

Those who have had in preparation the arrangements for the Citizen's Peace Banquet, to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York tomorrow night, truckled to Teddy but the Colonel haughtily and unceremoniously threw them down. The programme was altered as an overture to him, but he ruthlessly rejected the concessions made so he might be able to reconsider his determination not to attend.

After the banquet people thought they had fixed everything to suit Col. Roosevelt, and thought they had removed every objection he could have to eating and talking peace, he "flatly" declined to take a hand in it Probably the Colonel is right. The nature of the banquet might have assumed that of a joint debate, with the Colonel the only disputer on the negative side. He has often proclaimed himself as a man for peace, but he wants to have peace according to his own plans. He thinks he has the only peace promoter that has been devised and can't stand for the puny propositions of President Taft and various mollycoddles who don't know the peace business and have never understood where it would lead to.

If that isn't the reason the gentleman from Oyster Bay will not stick his legs under the mahogany at the Waldorf-Astoria, we are at a loss to conceive any good reason. It is hardly possible his reason is because he is particular with whom he eats and talks peace. What objection could he have to such good company as President Taft and Mr. Andrew Carnegie? It is possible that he might feel embarrassed in the presence of the President of the United States.

No doubt the committee on refreshments wants to kick itself for making concessions to the Colonel. They went so far with these concessions that they cannot now consider them. It was announced in the Associated Press dispatches from New York on Wednesday night that "although President Taft is to be the guest of honor and Andrew Carnegie is down on the programme as honorary president, the pending treaties with Great Britain and France, for which Mr. Taft has labored and which Mr. Carnegie has endorsed, are not to be brought officially before the Citizen's Peace Banquet to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Saturday night."

That was the concession made to Col. Roosevelt, but will it be treating President Taft and Mr. Carnegie right to talk about those peace treaties and then take no action? President Taft wants an expression of the sense of the people about those treaties so their influence can be brought to bear on the Senate which has to approve them. After the banqueters hear the speeches they ought to be able to pass judgment on the main question, since their action would be merely an endorsement of the principle, leaving to Congress the questions of an international nature and the safeguarding of the interests of the United States so far as arbitrating questions involving national honor are concerned.

The average crowd is not capable of passing on the text of the treaties and intricacies of treaty-making, so the committee is right in not officially presenting the specific treaties to the meeting, but there is nothing the matter with endorsing the wisdom of honorable peace agreements between nations. Teddy could have gone to the banquet and stood for that much of it, but it is not the Colonel's game and he wouldn't play. He is an insurgent, even if he is not the same kind of insurgent as Senator LaFollette.

BIG CHANCE FOR FARMERS.

Instead of having a great appetite and increasing economic desire for cheaper meats, let us raise cattle, sheep and hogs on a large scale while the prices of beef, pork, mutton and butter are high. In that way we will get a good profit out of the industry, not to mention the even greater consideration of keeping in North Carolina many millions of dollars annually drained out of the State.

It is impossible to so rapidly increase the production of cattle, sheep, hogs and other animals as to bring about a rapid fall in prices, so while meats of all kinds are commanding highly profitable prices, and while the demand for hides and bi-products is far greater than the supply, the industry opens to our farmers a most inviting opportunity. With the gradual increase of cattle, sheep, hogs and stock there logically will follow a gradual lowering of prices and yet there would still be a profit in the industry because of a corresponding reduction in the cost of raising, maintaining and fattening farm animals of every description.

Cheer up! High prices make it not only possible but exceedingly tempting for us to produce our own meats. High prices, as a matter of course, are draining our pockets, but if consumers are going to get any relief at all it must be on account of a gradual and not a revolutionary tumble in prices. High priced cattle make high priced beef, and cattle are high priced because the production in this country is far short of a great and rapidly growing demand. So long as meats remain high in price, the cattle business ought to look good to every farmer in North Carolina. It ought to look good anyhow, for we can raise and fatten cattle cheaper than the West can do it. It ought to look good to us because we could eat our own meats, even at high prices, and thus keep in North Carolina many millions of dollars that would increase our local circulation and retain in our midst capital that could be invested in other industries for the further development of North Carolina. The cattle and stock business ought to look good to North Carolina farmers because of its fertilizer value, for if the increase of animals and their meats, hides and bi-products would pay no more than the cost of production, the fertilizers would be a big profit.

Cultivated pastures, better breeds of cattle, sheep, hogs and stock, would be a start towards revolutionizing the farming industry in North Carolina. We send out of the State too many millions of dollars for what we can produce at home at a big profit or great saving. We produce cotton, or tobacco, or peanuts and expect to buy everything else we need. That is where we fall down and keep on scratching a poor man's head. Let us diversify our agriculture and begin it without any more foolishness.

Because the price of cotton was high we planted more than 35,000,000 acres and gave the world cheap cotton. Now that the price of meats is high, let's raise some more cattle, sheep and hogs, make a profit and give ourselves better if not cheaper meats. Best of all, let's keep our meat and butter money at home and make a large portion of our most valuable fertilizer on the farm.

Cheer up! The glorious year of 1912 is here. It gives the American people the opportunity to change the form of their government from plutocratic to Democratic. All nations are changing to the Democratic form. We certainly ought to go back to it China is setting us the pace.

CURRENT COMMENT.

That Wilmington man may be insane but this is a matter that should not be put up to the Governor.—Durham Herald.

Instead of forcing the railroads to run passenger trains at a loss we had better be working after a freight rate that is fair and just.—Durham Herald.

From the airy way in which Marse Watterson is handling Teddy's fair name he seems to disremember that the Colonelesque vocabulary is no respector of gray hairs.—Columbia State.

Col. Roosevelt denies that he asked the late Mr. Harriman to produce some campaign money. We suppose Mr. Harriman raised the $260,000 and sandbagged Cortelyou and made him take it.—Houston Post.

The Los Angeles Tribune published a classic recently. Here it is: "Senator Root suggests that 150,000,000 English-speaking people engage in prayer for five minutes. And during that period who would watch Senator Root?"—Oh, he would be preying too.—Charleston News and Courier.

A gentleman, high in mill circles, declares that there is every promise of fairly good trade this Spring. Practically all the spindles of the South are running now, and demand is fairly good, with prices such as offer some degree of profit on production. This is good news, particularly since it is remembered that for two years the txtile industry has suffered from severe depression. Numerous mills which have been idle for months past, are planning to resume work on the first of the year. This means that operatives who have had only spasmodic employment will now have a steady income. It is good news.—Charlotte News.

The city of Louisville, Kentucky, has over 207 miles of paving, which consists of about 61 miles of brick, 59 of asphalt, 19 of granite block and 75 of various other kinds. According to the figures of the United States census for 1910 Louisville has a population of 223,928. In 1900 its population was 204,731, which shows the percentage of increase to have been 9.4. Louisville has had a wide experience with paving materials and finds that granite is the most durable of such materials, with vitrified brick as it is at present laid, second best. The city assesses the cost of the first construction of its paving against the abutting property and pays for whatever reconstruction is necessary.—Charleston News and Courier.

Henry Watterson will speak in this town Saturday night for the peace of the world. It was first advertised that he would speak at the Auditorium, but that place had previously been engaged by the Southern Power Company for its annual entertainment It was then advertised that the address would be given in the Academy of Music, but one of the small play house managers on this circuit refused to give up his date, and so it has been finally determined that Mr. Watterson will speak at the Auditorium of the Presbyterian College for Women on College street; this splendid auditorium, one of the largest and best in the city, having been very kindly offered for the occasion by the distinguished President of the College, the Rev. Dr. Caldwell, who preached at one time to the Presbyterians of Louisville Mr. Watterson will reach Charlotte tomorrow evening from Charleston. He will be met at the station by a committee of gentlemen, of which Mr. Stuart W. Cramer is chairman, and taken to the Southern Manufacturers' Club, where he will be entertained at dinner Saturday morning it is expected that Mr. Watterson will be taken in an automobile around the city so as to get his bearings and see for himself that this is about the most independent community in all the land. The address of Mr. Watterson will bee free and it is expected that the auditorium will be packed with the most intelligent people in the community. The greatest editor in the United States speaking upon the greatest subject in the world ought to be enough to attract all good people to the Presbyterian College Saturday night.—Charlotte Observer.

KILLED BY TRAIN

Man Made Attempt to Save Dog and Lost Own Life

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 28.—Attempting to save his dog from death beneath a locomotive, George F. Blackwell, of this city, was struck and instantly killed today by a Southern Railway train just outside the city limits. Blackwell and a son were out hunting. Returning they were overtaken by a train on a small trestle. They stepped out on a platform to await the passing of the train but just as the engine approached one of the dogs stepped on the track. While attempting to pull the animal back Blackwell was struck by the plow of the engine.

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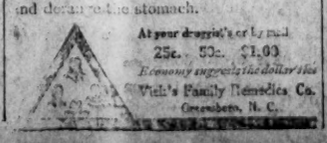

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NOTICE.

Applications for the position of Inspector of Sewers and Drains will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Health between this date and noon on Tuesday, January 2nd, 1912.

Applications must be submitted in the writing of the applicant, and must be accompanied by the evidence that the applicant has had experience in the construction, maintenance and sanitation of sanitary sewers and house drains, and has a knowledge of the theory and practice of sanitary plumbing. The applicant must have had engineering training and experience also.

The application must state the salary expected.

CHAS. T. NESBITT,
dc 29-2t. Supt. of Health.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE.

To the Owners and Holders of Bonds outstanding under that certain Mortgage or Deed of Trust from the Tidewater Power Company to the Carnegie Trust Company, dated January 1, 1909:

Notice is hereby given that a vacancy having occurred in the office of the Trustee under the mortgage or deed of trust executed by the Tidewater Power Company to the Carnegie Trust Company, as Trustee, bearing date the 1st day of January, 1909, securing an issue of bonds of this Company of the aggregate par value of $2,000,000, the Board of Directors of this Company has, pursuant to the terms of said mortgage, filled such vacancy by a resolution duly adopted at a meeting duly called and held on the 24th day of October, 1911, whereby the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities was designated and appointed as Trustee as successor to said Carnegie Trust Company;

In accordance with the terms and provisions of said mortgage or deed of trust, and in accordance with the said resolution adopted as aforesaid, a certificate of the appointment of the said Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, was duly registered in the office of the Register of the County of New Hanover, in Book No. 66, Records of New Hanover County, page 325.

An order has also been entered in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, on the 29th day of November, 1911, permitting the superintendent of Banks of the State of New York, in charge of the Carnegie Trust Company, to join with the Carnegie Trust Company in resigning as Trustee under the said mortgage or deed of trust, and to convey to the said Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities all rights and property of the said Carnegie Trust Company, as Trustee, under the said mortgage or deed of trust.

By virtue of the said resolution of the Board of Directors, and by virtue of the said certificate recorded as aforesaid, and by virtue of the said order entered in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, notice is hereby given that the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities is now the duly qualified and acting Trustee under and by virtue of the aforesaid mortgage or deed of trust in the place of and as successor to said Carnegie Trust Company.

This notice is published in accordance with the terms and provisions of the said mortgage or deed of trust.

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AEROPLANE TO CARRY MAIL

Permission Given by Postmaster General to Establish Sub-Station at Aviation Meet on New Year's Day.

Postmaster General Hitchcock yesterday issued instructions that the first mail to be carried by aeroplane in this State should take place on New Year's Day at Highwood Park, this city, when Mr. Walter Brookins will carry a regulation postoffice pouch to a nearby postoffice. This will be the first actual test of carryig the mail by an air route in this section of the country. Mr. Hitchcock's instructions came in the form of a telegram to Postmaster Thos. E. Wallace, of this city.

A great honor has been conferred on Wilmington by this act, inasmuch as only about half a dozen cities in the United States have been extended this privilege. The United States government is particularly interested in having aerial mail routes developed in various parts of the country. In fact, in Mr. Hitchcock's last report to Congress a request was made for an appropriation of $50,000 for the purpose of inaugurating mail carrying routes in such outlying districts of the country as the desert regions of the West and in Alaska. An experiment along this line will also soon be tested be-Key West and Havana, where the establishment of the carrying of mail by aeroplane would reduce the present time of conveying mails by six hours.

Since the aerial mail service to be conducted in Wilmington is to take place on the first day of the year, it will give the people in this city an opportunity of sending souvenir postal cards and New Year's greetings by the aeroplane mail service. Postmaster Wallace immediately upon receipt of the telegram from Postmaster General Hitchcock, set to work to outline the establishment of an aerial sub-station at Highwood Park. There will be four post-boxes stationed at the park into which those who attend the meet may drop their cards and letters. Several postmen will be there to collect the mail according to all government regulations. The Wilmington postoffice is also supplying a special stamp mark, which will indicate that the mail was posted at aerial sub-station No. 1. A full supply of postal cards appropriate to the season and postage stamps will also be on sale on the grounds. The management of the meet will also provide stands at which people may address their messages.

Just to what point Mr. Brookins will carry this pouch of mail Postmaster Wallace has not yet decided, but it will be to one of the nearby towns at which there is a postoffice. Mr. Brookins, at an appointed hour toward the end of the meet on New Year's Day, will fly to deliver the mail that will be entrusted to him. An authorized official of the postoffice will await his arrival, take the pouch, assort the mail and it will then be delivered in the regular course. The full instructions as wired by Postmaster General Hitchcock are as follows:

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 28, 1911.

"Hon. Thomas E. Wallace, Postmaster, Wilmington, N. C.

"You are hereby authorized to collect and deliver mail by aeroplane at aviation meet at Highwood Park race track on January 1st and to establish temporary station there in accordance with plan proposed by Managing Director Romolo Fanciulli, with whom you should immediately confer.

"FRANK H. HITCHCOCK.
"Postmaster General."

The cities to which Mr. Hitchcock has granted the right to carry mails by aeroplane before this include New York, where at Nassau Boulevard Aviation Tournament, the Postmaster General himself carried the mail, while Capt. Paul Beck, U. S. A., operated the machine in which carried the Postmaster General, flew a distance of four miles to their neighboring town of Mineola. Mr. Brookins has also been appointed by the United States Postoffice Department an official aerial mail carrier. When he flew at the aviation meet in St. Louis, Mo., last October, he carried the mails in his aeroplane every day for a week and demonstrated the practical features of a flying machine being used for this purpose. Uncle Sam's Postoffice Department has practically been the first to take such active steps in the matter of aerial postal service. In France the government has made several tests, but has not yet asked for an appropriation that would make this modern form of service a permanent custom.

Postmaster Wallace made several guesses yesterday as to the quantity of mail that would have to be transported by Mr. Brookins on New Year's Day at Highwood Park meet. He figures on having two large sized pouches on hand which, if filled with postal cards and letters, would weigh in the neighborhood of 200 pounds. Postmaster Wallace believes that in view of the fact that this experiment is to be a demonstration before the public on New Year's Day, there will be a larger number of postal cards mailed than would otherwise be likely. He also believes that many people will address these postal cards to themselves to be kept as souvenirs of the first mail that was ever carried in Wilmington by an aeroplane.

Postmaster Wallace felt very happy that the honor has been given to Wilmington to make this first experiment. He realizes that the time is not far off when sending mails to cities at great distances that the aeroplane will be speedier than any means known to the world today. When told by Mr. Fanciulli, Mr. Brookins' representative, that the aviator was now having built a machine that will fly between 90 and 100 miles an hour he looked up with surprise.

"Well, I certainly think we will come to that speed," said Postmaster Wallace. "I have heard it predicted that the aeroplane will go as fast as 200 miles an hour. Certanly, if that speed is made near the ground it will be rather difficult for people to become accustomed to it. Of course, high in the air, I suppose one does not readily realize that he is traveling so fast. Just as in a swiftly moving train one peering out of a window at a farm house in the distance sees it moving by slowly, while if the farm house was near the train it passes like a flash. Imagine mail being carried at 200 miles an hour, we would be able to deliver mail in Washington in a little more than an hour and to N w York in perhaps less than three hours. This would certainly be wonderful. I shall always remember with pleasure, having been afforded the opportunity to assist in this mail carrying by aeroplane with Mr. Brookins, who might be called a pioneer in this line of progress."

Mr. Brookins, when informed that Postmaster General Hitchcock had granted him permission to carry the mails in Wilmington in his aeroplane, telegraphed Mr. Fanciulli his appreciation. This kind of test has always interested the young aviator inasmuch as he was one of the first to be appointed an official mail carrier by the United States Postoffice Department, and he has always worked enthusiastically to develop this utilitarian power of the aeroplane.

Robbery at Rowland

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "Sheriff McGeachy received a message from Rowland early this morning to send his bloodhound there, as another robbery had been committed. The time was so short in which to make a train that no particulars came with the telegram. Deputy Sheriff Hall left here on a freight train this morning with the dog, but has not returned at this writing."

CASES BEFORE THE RECORDER

Number of Defendants Given Hearing Yesterday Morning—Nol Pros Taken Against Negro for House-Breaking.

While yesterday's session of the Recorder's court could not compare in length and importance with the sessions held Tuesday and Wednesday, yet there were several cases of more or less interest. Possibly the one of most importance was against James Pearsall, colored, charged with intimidating a witness, Joe Allen, whose testimony at Wednesday's session convicted Blain Sloan, colored, of selling cocaine.

It was alleged that Pearsall told Allen that if he testified against Sloan that he (Pearsall) would get him (Allen) in jail. The defendant was represented by L. Clayton Grant, Esq., and after a conference Assistant Attorney Geo. L. Peschau announced that a fine of $25 and costs would be acceptable to him. This fine was imposed and was promptly paid by Pearsall. At first the Recorder seemed to be inclined to send the negro to the roads, possibly for 12 months. He has no patience with a man, white or colored, who tampers with a witness, as shown by his action in cases of this character which have come before him.

A nol pros was taken in the case against John Lewis, colored, who was arrested some days ago on a warrant charging him with house-breaking, it being alleged that he entered the home of James Gore, colored, and stealing some clothing and two bureau drawers. It was afterwards ascertained that Lewis was not the guilty man.

John Wright, colored, answered to three charges, assault with deadly weapon, to-wit: a rock, upon Julia Shepard, colored; simple assault on Sam Montgomery, colored, and vagrancy. In the first named case a fine of $25 was entered against him, judgment suspended upon payment of the costs in the second and a nol pros was taken in the last named.

Russell Grakes and Grady Floyd, young white men, were found guilty of vagrancy, and sentenced to 30 days each on the county roads, the same to be suspended upon condition that they be out of the county by 9:30 o'clock this morning and not return within 30 days.

A case against John Henry Vann, a negro, charged with vagrancy, was left open until today. A nol pros was taken in the following cases charging vagrancy: Marrie Davis, colored; Matthew Pearsall, colored; Sallie Ann Wood, colored. In the case against Thos. Blackman, a white man, tried some days ago on a charge of vagrancy, the defendant is to report to the Recorder next Thursday to show whether or not he is at work. It was stated that Blackman accepted a position the day before he was arrested, but was not to begin work until after the holidays.

In a case against Rosa Miles, colored, charged with assault with deadly weapon on Daisy Robinson, also colored, judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs upon condition that the woman report to the Recorder once a week for four weeks and show that she has been on her good behavior. The woman has an infant, which probably caused the Recorder to be lenient in her case.

It was stated that H. Mack Godwin, who was arrested some weeks ago on a charge of assault with deadly weapon, but failed to appear for trial and was subsequently reported out of the city, had returned to Wilmington and had surrendered to Chief of Police Fowler. He gave $250 bond for his appearance at trial Tuesday, January 2nd. He is charged with assault with a pistol upon F. H. Jones. However, Jones was not wounded, it is said. When Godwin failed to appear for trial on the day first set it was explained that he was at home sick. The hearing was continued several times for the same reason and then it became known that he had left the city. Only a short time ago he was sentenced by Substitute Recorder Geo. Harriss to three months on the county roads, judgment not to be prayed unless he was in court again within a given period. The more recent alleged offense was committed before the expiration of the time specified.

In the case against Maggie Washington, colored, charged with masquerading in men's clothes without a permit, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

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CHRISTMAS EXERCISES HELD

Splendid Programmes Rendered by Children of Several Sunday Schools Last Night—Gifts Were Distributed.

Enjoyable and largely attended Christian exercises were held last night by a number of Sunday Schools of different denominations in the city. The churches were appropriately decorated for the occasion and the programmes rendered were attractive and pleasing. At nearly all the churches Santa Claus made his appearance immediately following the exercises and gifts were distributed by him to members of the Sunday School.

Of the several entertainments none was on a more elaborate scale nor more heartily enjoyed by all present than the event arranged by Southside Baptist Church Sunday School. The ladies in charge of the arrangements planned for an entertainment that would eclipse anything of the kind ever before attempted by the Sunday School and well did they succeed in their undertaking. That their efforts were crowned with success was asserted by all who attended. The programme was of unusual excellence and was rendered in a most pleasing manner. The church was most appropriately decorated with crepe paper of different shades, fully carrying out the idea of Yuletide. The exercises began with a song by the school, following which prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. W. G. Hall. "Up On the Housetop" was charmingly rendered by 14 small children, followed by two pleasing recitations, one by James Skipp and the other by Lucy Kelly. A quartette composed of the following then rendered an enjoyed selection: Mr. Voigt, first tenor; Mr. J. W. Curtis, second tenor; Rev. W. G. Hall, first bass; Mr. J. H. Curtis, second bass. Next there was a recitation by Miss Belle Thomas, followed by a song, "A Merry Christmas," by 14 small children; recitation, Mrs. C. B. Davis; song, "Crown Him Lord of All," by the school, all of which were well rendered and greatly pleased the congregation.

A "Christmas Play" was then presented and proved one of the features of the occasion. Those taking part were as follows: Father Time, Mr. J. H. Curtis, superintendent of the Sunday School; Seasons—Spring, Miss May Costin; Summer, Miss Mamie Walker; Autumn, Miss Mabel Hinnant; Winter, Miss Ruth Kohler. Herald, Leon Marshburn; satellites—Rain, Ethel Moore; snow, Grace Raspberry; fog, Edna Moore; sunshine, Lottie Kohler. Day, Mrs. E. A. Outlaw. Night, Miss Lottie Fales. Days, New Year's Day, Helen Stanland; St. Valentine's Day, Mira Fales; April Fool's Day, Carl Fales. Ralph Raspberry, Bennie Russ; Commencement Day, Miss Berta Kohler; Independence Day, Miss Lila Hinnant; Hallowe'en Day, Miss Perta Stanland; Thanksgiving Day, Mrs. J. W. Curtis; Christmas Day, Miss Mollie Holton. Each participant was appropriately costumed, which added greatly to the effect of the production. A fine painting by a local artist added to the beauty of the decorations.

Following the play Santa Claus, who was cleverly impersonated by Mr. J. H. Curtis, made his appearance and distributed candies, fruits, nuts, etc. He also presented Christmas novelty boxes showing Kris Kringle in three different scenes. This brought to a close what is conceded to have been the most elaborate and enjoyable Christmas entertainment ever held by the Sunday School.

St. John's Sunday School.

Unique and interesting exercises marked the Christmas exercises of St. John's Episcopal Church Sunday School, held last night in the Parish House. The entertainment was made more enjoyable by the use of stereopticon views, which portrayed scenes of the Yuletide. The first slide illustrated a song, "Oh! Little Town of Bethlehem," which was sung by the congregation. Other particularly appropriate slides illustrated the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, the birth of Christ and the adoration of the Shepherd and the Wise Men. Then came a song, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," also illustrated. A number of slides of Old Santa Claus, which were highly amusing and charming to the little ones present, were then shown, with a final song, "Hip! Hip! Hurra for Santa Claus."

Mr. J. Edward Bunting then appeared on the scene, a high priest of the "Mythical One" and brought a whole load of presents, which were distributed to the children of the Sunday School and liberally among all the children present. There were more than a hundred present to enjoy the exercises. At the conclusion of the exercises Prof. Washington Catlett, the superintendent, presented to the rector, Rev. W. E. Cox, a beatiful leather bestman case, as a gift from the Sunday School.

As the children passed out of the church they were handed an "Illumination," an article of fireworks which throws off stars when lighted. This added a most attractive feature to the unique occasion.

Immanuel Sunday School.

One of the most delightful of the Christmas entertainments was given last evening by the Sunday School of Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Col. Walker Taylor, the assistant superintendent, was in charge, and the exercises were very interesting. A feature of the event were the streopticon views on the life of Christ. Presents were given all the children and a most enjoyable eventing was spent.

Fifth Street Sunday School.

Kris Kringle's visit to the Sunday School of Fifth Street M. E. Church last night was marked by a most enjoyable Yuletide event. The church was prettily decorated and a large crowd was present to enjoy the exercises, which were unique and entertaining. Superintendent W. H. Schafer was n charge of the affair and the programme was carried out in a pleasing manner. The children were pleasantly remembered by the school with dainty little presents.

At Suburban Churches.

Entertainments were also given last evening at Winter Park Gardens and Wrightsboro churches by the Sunday Schools, and both were well attended and in every way entertaining. The events were marked by the usual Christmas exercises, which were given in a pleasing manner and delighted all present. It proved indeed eventful for the children, who were given presents. At Wrightsboro Union School there were about 250 persons present. Dr. John Thames, of this city, is superintendent, and Mr. John Wells, of this city, is one of the teachers. Both attended the exercises last night.

St. Andrews' Big Night

The Christmas entertainment at St. Andrews' Presbyterian church by the Sunday School last evening, was more elaborate and on a larger scale than any previous events of the kind at this church. The decorations were beautiful and the Sunday School room presented a most brilliant scene. The Christmas tree was a thing of beauty. All the classes brought gifts for the Barium Springs orphanage and a large quantity of useful articles were secured. The school made gifts to the children of fruits and candies. The exercises were the chief feature and they proved unusually interesting. Mr. W. H. Sprunt made a short talk, appropriate to the occasion, which was very much enjoyed. Rev. A. D. McClure, the pastor, also took part in the exercises. The programme was arranged by the ladies of the church, who deserve much credit for the excellent manner in which the entertainment was carried out.

BURGLARS ARE AGAIN ACTIVE

Store on Castle Haynes Road Robbed --Shots Fired at Bold Intruder on Church Street—Two Guns Stolen

Renewed activity on the part of burglars, after a cessation of several days, came Wednesday night, according to reports to the police yesterday, in the robbery of the store of Mr. A. F. Eilers, three miles from the city, on the Castle Haynes road, and an attempt to enter the residence of Nellie Weaver, No. 613 Church street.

Mr. Eilers has been the victim of two robberies within the short space of a few weeks. The first robbery, which was reported to the police at that time, occurred at Mr. Eilers' home, when a bold intruder entered his bed room and carried away his trousers, taking from the pockets $13 in money.

Wednesday night his store about three miles from the city on the Castle Haynes road and one mile from Mr. Eilers' home, was entered and property stolen to the amount of about $60.

The burglars effected an entrance by forcing in the front door and among the articles they carried away was two valuable guns, shoes and provisions of various kinds. The guns had been used in a raffle recently held at the store. Strange to say the gun of another person, which was lying next to the two stolen, was left untouched. One of the weapons was an unusually attractive rifle with nickle-plated barrel and black walnut stock. The other gun was of ordinary material. They were both bought by Mr. Eilers from "Uncle Charles" pawnshop some time ago. The man employed by Mr. Eilers, who manages the store, lives in the house adjoining, but reported yesterday morning that he heard no noise during the night and did not discover the robbery until he went to open the store. The matter was immediately reported to the police and county officers, and a reward was offered by Mr. Eilers for the arrest of the guilty parties. There was every evidence to bare out the belief that the burglars broke into the store with the sole purpose of stealing the guns.

Miss Nellie Weaver, of No. 613 Church street, discovered a man making an effort to effect an entrance to her home Wednesday night about 11 o'clock the intruder was frightened away when she fired two shots at him. Two shots were fired directly at the person making the effort to get in the window and there is doubt as to whether either took effect. A thorough search of the home was made, but there is nothing known to be missing. Police officers say that the burglary was not reported to headquarters Wednesday night. Councilman B. C. Moore, in charge of the Department of Public Safety; Chief of Police John J. Fowler and Geo. L. Peschau, Esq., assistant city attorney, were at headquarters from shortly before 11 o'clock until 2 o'clock yesterday morning and they asserted last night that no report of the matter was made to the hall during those hours. Assistant Chief of Police Woolard, who was at the hall all night, said that no one made report of the robbery. These statements were made by the officials in view of a report that was current yesterday that a telephone message was sent to the hall immediately after the burglary was discovered and that no officer answered the call. Chief Fowler said that no report of a burglary is ever made to headquarters that is not answered immediately by an officer.

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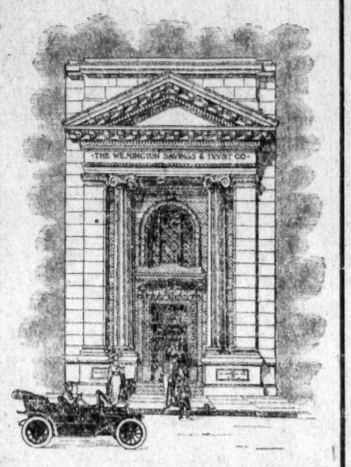

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Sunday School Gives Its Holiday Entertainment—Programme

The Sunday School of Brooklyn Baptist Church last night gave its annual holiday entertainment and the affair was largely attended and much enjoyed by the large number of young people in attendance. The programme included the following numbers:

Song by the Sunday School.
Prayer by Rev. J. A. Sullivan.
Song by the Primary class.
Christmas—A Dialogue, by Rosa Merritt, George Reaves, Mattie Kerr, Wm. Scott, Ethel Kerr, Myrtle Register, Madeline Weaver, Nida May Packard, George Duke.
Reading, Miss Ethel Holmes.
"The Unspeakable Gift," Victor Sullivan, Carl Pridgen, Nida May Packard.
Song, No. 249.
"Emblem of Christmastide," Rosa Harker, Ethel Allen, Caroline Barnes, Bessie Nixon, Cornelia Bounds, Janie Everett.
Vocal Duet, Misses Holmes and Lupeau.
"The Four Holidays," Clarence Rice, John Casteen, Sallie Burriss, Marie Nixon.
Vocal Solo, Miss Bessie Nixon.
Piano Solo, by Miss Jesse Lupeau.
"Christmas Morning," Gertrude Sawyer, Marie Nixon, Rosa Harker, Ethel Allen, Hortense Strickland, Sallie Burriss, Effie McGinnis, Lilliar Register, Rosa Merritt, Annie Everett.
Christmas Offering.
Scene in the Chaplain's Family, Misses Lillian Woolard, Mary Burriss, Lila Chinnis, Alene Bounds, Gayneile Nixon.
Song, No. 256.
Benediction by Rev. W. L. Rexford.

Just before the benediction, a very handsome gift was presented to Miss Jesse Lupeau, who is the accomplished pianist for the school and who has been faithful in every duty during the past year.

Mr. Francis Garrison, superintendent of the Sunday School, presided during the evening, and the committee on arrangements which prepared the happy event was composed of Mrs. John Holmes, Mrs. Nixon and Messrs. A. W. Allen, John McDougall and C. C. Rice.

Following the more formal part of the exercises the children were presented with gifts and the evening passed off altogether delightful in every way.

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

Edition of October 15th Going Delivered to Subscribers.

The October 15th edition of the directory of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., for Wilmington has just been delivered to subscribers by Manager S. D. Lucas. This directory contains all the changes and corrections and listing that have been made since the last directory was printed to October 1st, last. A large number of new names appear in this which indicates not only that there are continuous additions to the number of subscribers in Wilmington, but also marks the growth of the city as the growth in telephone subscriptions is always the mark of increase in population and in business.

While every care has been taken to furnish every subscriber with a copy of this directory it is possible that some have been omitted, and the manager asks that in such cases the subscriber telephone his office, No. 9011, and a copy will be mailed.

Applicants for Inspector.

In another column of today's paper Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, city superintendent of health, gives notice that applications for the position of inspector of sewers and drains will be received at his office up to noon on Tuesday, January 2nd. It is required that the applications be in the writing of the applicant, accompanied by evidence that the applicant has had experience in the construction, maintenance, and sanitation of sanitary sewers and house drains, and has a knowledge of the theory and practice of sanitary plumbing. It is further required that the applicant, to receive consideration, must have engineering training and experience also. The applicant is also supposed to state the salary he would expect to receive.

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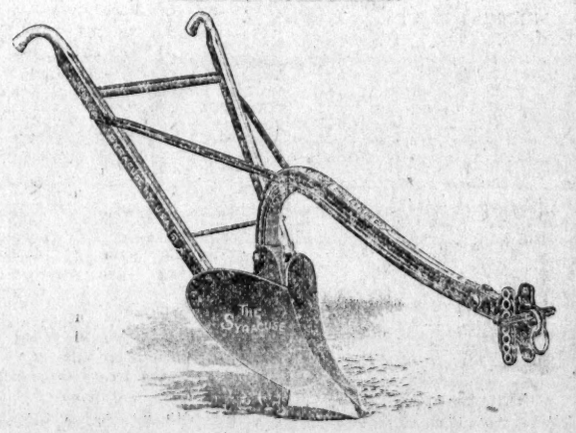

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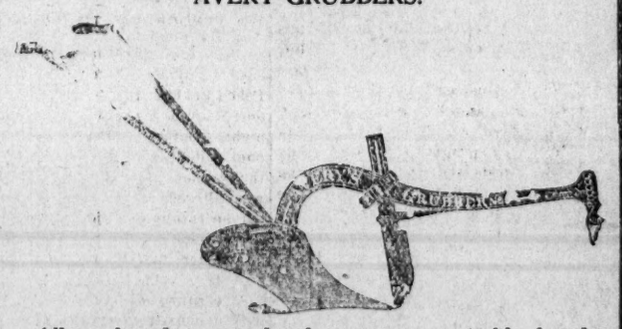

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mrs. S. W. Flowers, of Rocky Mount, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Tucker, No. 308 Grace street.

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Miss Lena Brew, of Phoenix, is visiting at the home of Mr. J. W. Holmes, No. 406 Brunswick street.

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Mrs. George Ulmer, of Augusta, Ga., is here on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Otto Banck, No. 412 Princess street.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Lacy have returned after spending the holidays with Mr. Lacy's parents, Capt. and Mrs. H. C. Lacy, of Raleigh, N. C.

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Rev. J. A. Bryson, of Funston, is spending a few days in the city, a guest at the home of Mr. L. E. Thomas, No. 206 North Second street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Henderson, who spent Christmas with Mrs. Henderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Copeland, have returned to their home at No. 102 Red Cross street.

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Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Crowley returned home yesterday from Winnabow, Brunswick county, where they attended the Taylor-Johnson marriage Wednesday afternoon.

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Miss Eva McGirt, of Maxton, N. C., Miss Grace Dry, of Albemarle, N. C., and Miss Sadie Freeman, of Latta, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Jas. S. Williams, at Crolina Heights, for a few days.

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The following invitation has been issued by the Yoke Fellows of the Y. M. C. A.: "To the Yoke Fellows of the Y. M. C. A. You are cordially invited to a supper at the home of Miss Marguerite Mills, East Wilmington, N. C., January 4th, 1912, from 7:30 to 11 o'clock. Committee: Tom Simmons, H. Pearsall, L. Barlow, C. H. Mills."

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The many friends of Mr. S. H. Arnold, formerly connected with the freight traffic department of the Atlantic Coast Line in this city, were delighted to see him in the city yesterday. He is now with the Clyde Steamship Company in New York and was down South to spend the holidays, dropping by Wilmington to renew his many friendships and acquaintances here.

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Mr. Horace Cooper, a student of Citadel College, of Charleston, S. C., who is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cooper, gave an entertainment complimentary to a large number of friends at the family home on North Fifth street last evening. The home was beautifully decorated and the event was one of the most delightful of the Yuletide.

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Mr. E. Lattimore Hinton had as his guests for dinner at The Orton yesterday evening Mr. J. Fennimore Leitner and Mr. Conrad Fuchima W. Rehder, who were his guests for the "Frogpond," ..on-the-Wrightsville Turnpike. Mr. Emmet E. Levy, of New York, who had arranged to be present and give an exhibition with his school of trained porpoises, which were such an attraction at the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, last season, wired his regrets.

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MISS BRIDGERS BRIDE OF DR. HARLLEE BELLAMY.

The marriage of Miss Lucy Bridgers and Dr. R. Harllee Bellamy, was celebrated last evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Preston L. Bridgers, No. 102 South Third street, in the presence of relatives and members of the immediate family.

There were no attendants and no cards were issued to the marriage. Announcement of the wedding will be read with much interest by the hundreds of friends of the prominent young couple here and elsewhere. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, rector of St. James' Episcopal church. The couple departed last evening on the Northbound 7 o'clock train for New York, whence they will sail shortly for Europe, where they will tour for several months, returning to Wilmington to make their home about the middle of March.

Miss Bridgers is a daughter of the late Mr. Preston L. Bridgers, for many years a prominent citizen and capitalist of this city. She is a charming young lady and one of the leaders in local social circles.

Dr. Bellamy is a son of the late Marsden Bellamy, Esq., for many years a leading members of the Wilmington bar and one of the city's most highly esteemed citizens. Dr. Bellamy is prominent in his profession and has scores of friends in the city and throughout the State. He will resume his practice here upon his return from Europe.

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CHARMINGLY ENTERTAINED AT DELIGHTFUL DANCE..

One of the most charming and thoroughly delightful social events just preceding the holidays was a dance given at the handsome club rooms of the Howard Relief Club on the evening of December 20th, by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Polvogt and their beautiful and attractive daughter, Miss Lucille Polvogt. Fifty couples participated in the dancing and the costumes were very elaborate.

The decorations in the ball room were Southern smilax with a profusion of red carnations and red crepe paper. At one end of the hall was a bower of smilax, beautifully decorated, where punch was served most gracefully by Mrs. J. C. Wessell and Miss Bertie Hanson. The dining halls were decorated in corresponding colors with the ball room. A three-course luncheon was served. The color scheme of the ices and cakes was red and green. After the elegant repast dancing was again resumed and continued until 1:30 o'clock in the morning.

Miss Polvogt was the recipent of many beautiful and valuable gifts, the occasion being the young lady's birthday. She is also one of the season's debutantes. Among the gifts received was a very handsome chain and pearl pendant from the yong men of the club. Miss Katherine Vollers returned from school at Elizabeth College, Charlotte, to be with Miss Polvogt, they having been room-mates at college for the past two seasons. The guests of honor were Miss Merle McEachern, of Winston-Salem, and Prof. Schutte, of Ramsey Hall, Conn.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The schooner Granville R. Baker, Capt. Bennett, cleared yesterday for New York with cargo of 414,299 feet of lumber; cargo by Wiley-Harker Lumber Co., vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

—Luther Smith, colored, was arrested at 3:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Patrolman J. H. Davis on a warrant charging him with assault on Gussie Fillyaw, colored. He will be tried before the Recorder this morning.

—Jim Ezzelle, colored, was given hearing before Justice Bornemann yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with asault on his wife. He was bound over to the Recorder's court. Ezzelle was arrested yesterday by Constable Savage.

—The 1912 calendar being distributed by Baggett Bros., the Front street grocers, is a unique and useful work of art in the form of a wall pocket made of durable papier mache and handsomely embossed. The novelty is imported from Germany and will make a handsome ornament on any wall.

—Two deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Geo. W. Trask and wife to D. D. Cameron and wife, for $1 and other considerations, lot 6 in Block 21; D. D. Cameron and wife to B. B. Cameron, for $1 and other considerations, lot on northwest corner of Sixth and Meares streets 132x165 feet in size.

—Yesterday's Charleston, S. C., News and Courier: "The lighthouse tender Cypress sailed yesterday for Cape Canavarel to relight a gas buoy and to carry supplies to that part of the district. After returning to Charleston, the Cypress will sail for Frying Pan Shoals to relight a gas buoy recently reported out."

—Jailer J. M. Branch left yesterday afternoon for Raleigh, having in custody a white woman whom he is taking to the State Hospital for the Insane. While in Raleigh today he will most likely witness the electrocution of L. M. Sandlin, who is to pay the death penalty for the murder of his wife. Deputy Sheriff A. L. Kelly was acting jailer last night.

PERSONAL. PARAGRAPHS.

—Among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton was Mr. S. L. Richardson, of Dunn.

—C. H. Guion, Esq., of Newbern, was in the city yesterday on professional business.

—Among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton were Chas. S. Wallace Jr., Morehead City; L. W. McKinnon, Maxton; F. Lee and R. Lee, Watha, N. C.

—Congressman John H. Small, of Washington, N. C., was a visitor to the city yesterday, a guest at The Orton. He was accompanied by Mr. A. D. McLean, of the same town.

—Dr. L. S. Webb, of Lewiston, N. C., is spending the holidays in the city and is the guest at the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. John B. Cranmer, No. 207 South Fourth street.

ELKS' SOCIAL SESSION.

Large Attendance at Social Session Following Meeting Last Night.

Following a regular weekly session of Wilmington Lodge, No. 532, B. P. O. E., at the Temple last night, one of the most delightful social sessions of the year was enjoyed by upwards of a hundred members of the order in this city, and a number of visiting members who are here for the holidays. At the regular lodge session the initiatory degree was conferred upon three candidates and in their honor the social session followed in the club rooms on the second floor.

Mine Host Wm. B. Schuler had arranged a most tempting menu of good things and this was enjoyed until the wee sma' hour of this morning. Postmaster Thos. E. Wallace served as toastmaster, and the lodge was never more happy in its selection of a presiding officer. Covers were laid for a hundred or more, and during the evening toast after toast was responded to in the inimitable style always characteristic of the Elks. The 11 o'clock toast was most feelingly responded to by Past Exalted Ruler Louis Goodman, and in this "Our Absent Brothers" were never more signally honored. The speaker was eloquent, pleasing, and captured the heatrs of his hearers. Rev. Father C. Dennen, who had just been initiated into the mysteries of the order and will succeed the late lamented Rev. James Carmichael, D. D., as chaplain of the lodge, was also most pleasing in his response during the course of the banquet.

It was nearly 1 o'clock this morning when the pleasant occasion was officially declared at an end and the large gathering left the Temple most reluctantly, after an evening of supreme delight. Not the least pleasing feature of the evening were a number of selections by Mr. Harry Morgan, the gifted soloist at the Grand Theatre. He sang a number of songs, but brought down the audience with his superb rendition of "In Bohemia." The affair, as before stated, was one of the most pleasurable in the history of the lodge.

Rather Peculiar Situation.

Complaint was made yesterday to police headquarters that a telephone pole in the vicinity of Surry and Church streets has broken at the base and is leaning, upheld only by the wires, over a house. Should the pole be blown over by a strong wing, great damage might result. Chief of Police Fowler immediately notified the Bell Telephone Co., that the pole must be moved. The Bell people replied that the pole would have been moved long ago, but for the fact that to remove a pole a permit from the Mayor is necessary and the Mayor had declined to issue any more permits to the company until it pays the $200 special license or privilege tax. Chief Fowler will see what can be done in the matter today. He may urge that both criminal and civil proceedings be instituted against the company, or its agents. Under the law the Mayor cannot issue a permit for the removal of a pole until the license tax has been paid.

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—W. J. Burns arrived here today from Chicago to conclude an investigation of dynamite explosion which wrecked a building under construction here 18 months ago for H. T. Cottam & Company. Non-union workmen were employed in the steel construction work.

FIRE LAST NIGHT.

Did Damage to Furniture of Two Firms on Dock Street.

Fire of unknown origin, which started on the second floor of the furniture store of W. T. Mercer & Co., No. 104 Dock street, shortly after 11 o'clock last night, did damage of several hundred dollars to the stock of the firm in which the blaze originated, while the stock of furniture of the Poore-Sneed Co., stored on the second floor adjoining and on the first floor two doors below was damaged considerably by the heat and water. Mr. W. P. Oldham, who occupies the store room on the first floor between Messrs. Mercer & Co., and the Poore-Sneed Co., probably suffered some damage on account of water from the second floor. The total amount of damage could not be ascertained last night, but may not exceed $1,000.

Discovered by Patrolman M. L. Moore, the fire had already made considerable headway when he turned in an alarm from box 43, corner Front and Orange streets, which brought the firemen to the scene. The fire was burning furiously next to the wall on the south side of the second floor of the portion of the building occupied by W. T. Mercer & Co. However, in a short time the firemen had the blaze extinguished with only a small portion of the furniture in Mr. Mercer's place destroyed, although a considerable quantiy of both stocks was charred by the heat and damaged by water.

Mr. Mercer said that he had a stock valued at about $1,500 or $2,000 and carried $500 insurance. Some time ago he applied for $1,000 additional, but he said that he did not know whether this had been obtained. Mr. Sneed said that he had stored in the building $7,000 or $8,000 worth of furniture, but did not know how much insurance he carried, as recently he has been transferring his insurance to the stock in the sales room on North Front street. Neither Mr. Mercer nor Mr. Sneed could make any estimate of the damage last night.

The timely discovery of the blaze and the fine work of the firemen prevented a repetitio of a fire of as serious proportions as occurred in very much the same manner in the same building about a year ago, when the damage was considerable.

There is a possibility, or rather a slight suspicion, that the fire was of incendiary origin. It was said that some one in Mr. Croom's boarding house next west, being on the southeast corner of Front and Dock streets, heard some one walking on the roof of the building about 10 minutes before the alarm was turned in. One of the firemen advanced the theory that it was possible for a person to have let himself down through the skylight and set the place on fire. Chief Schnibben said that he would make an investigation today with a view of determining if possible the cause of the fire.

BASKETBALL SERIES.

Concluded Last Week at Boys' Brigade—Some Fine Sport.

One of the most successful and interesting basketball series ever played at the Boys' Brigade came to a close last Friday night when the first half of the championship series, being played for the Honnet trophy, was completed. Some splendid games were played, showing marked improvement in the playing ability of the men.

The Fall series was won in a brilliant manner by the Pirates, they having played nine games and won seven. The personnel of the team is Herman Gerdes, captain, and centre; Bruce Cameron, H. Register and Geo. Bornemann, forwards; Henry Gerdes and R. C. Burnett, guards.

The Athletics finished a close second, with the Tigers third, and the Giants fourth. The next series will begin on Friday night, January 5th.

Tonight there will be a special game between the victorious Pirates and their most dangerous rivals, the Athletics. Both teams will have their strongest aggregations out and some fine sport is assured. The game will begin promptly at 8 P. M. and the public is cordially invited to be present.

Young Sportmen Have Good Luck

Julian Keith and Charlie Hazelhurst, two young sportsmen, returned to the city last evening on the belated A. & Y. train from a hunting expedition of two days on the farm of Young Keith's father, Mr. B. F. Keith, near Currie. The young men were out only a few hours each day but they had splendid luck, baging 50 doves and one squirrel, which they brought home with them. They expect to take another trip of the kind some time later.

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The seat sale for the performance of "The Chorus Lady" to be given at the Academy tomorrow matinee and night, opens this morning at Plummer's. Special prices are prevailing, the matinee being 25 and 50 cents, and at night all seats downstairs $1, with the balcony $1, 75 cents, and 50 cents. Only box seats are $1.50.

The company comes here with the endorsement of the press of New York, London, England; Chicago, Boston and other large cities where it played long engagements.

The coming of that great comedy success will be heralded with delight. What is more wholesome than good humor? There is lots of that in "The Chorus Lady", and Patricia O'Brien, with her stage slang is a delight to the ear. The famous dressing room act is one of the cleverest scenes ever attempted on the stage, and shows the chorus room of the Broadway Theatre, New York, with the girls getting into their costumes for the night's performance.

The Four Pickerts.

This popular price organization will be at the Academy all next week, which will provide the local playhouse with a fine New Year's week show and will furnish fine enjoyment to the Wilmington amusement public. It can safely be said that the Four Pickerts' organization is the favorite of its class in this city and it never fails to play to capacity business. This week the company is appearing in Raleigh with big success and will come from the Capital City here, and will open its engagement Monday, New Year's Day, with two performances. Seats for both performances will be on sale at Plummer's Saturday morning, the scale of prices for each being 10, 20 and 30 cents. At matinee the company will appear in a jolly comedy success, "Out on a Lark," while at night the well known drama, "The Pride of Virginia," will be offered. Of course, between the acts of each performance will be presented a fine line of specialties, headed by the Pickerts themselves. They will be seen in brand new vaudeville acts during the week. The company this year includes all the old favorites and also some new faces. Its repertoire is entirely new and includes several big royalty bills.

Big Western Pcture.

Not only is the jolly and popular Bijou observing the festive Christmas season in gala manner, but it is presenting films fitting to the occasion. It is also offering films that are not only of Christmas nature in spirit, but in story. Such for instance will be Essanay's masterpiece, "Broncho Bill's Christmas Dinner," which will be the star of today's big bill at the Bijou. Besides smacking of the Yuletide in royal way, the film is one of thrills and stirring incidents. The Essanay people had announced that such a film would be ready for Christmas and orders by the score from the largest theatres, including the Bijou, came pouring in. So it was essential that the film be ready in time. However, while the pictures were being taken the leading lady of the company, Miss Edna Fisher, broke her ankle during the sensational scene when the stage coach horses run away, to be finally overtaken by "Broncho Bill" astride of a fiery pony. But Miss Fisher, realizing that to stop would mean ruination of the film, bravely continued in the performance, and her heroism has been highly praised by the press. Miss Fisher will appear in the film today at the Bijou. Besides a number of comedy films and the latest musical programme, the Bijou has another great dramatic film on today in "A Terrible Discovery," in which a well known juvenile actor plays the stellar role.

Big Offering at Grand Theatre

The Grand Theatre will make a big offering in motion pictures and a song hit by Mr. Harry Morgan today. The bill in pictures will include the first presentation of an Essanay photo-play of "A Frontier Doctor," a Western drama, and "The Flower Girl of Las Palmas," the story of a Mexican who, living apart from his wife, falls in love with a beautiful young girl who renounces the love of the man and brings about a happy reconciliation between husband and wife. "The Frontier Doctor" introduces the spectator to a story of love and devotion to profession that is sublime. An operation is necessary on the body of the doctor's rival for the hand of a beautiful young woman; the supreme test comes and the operation is successful. Besides these two there will be still another good picture and Mr. Morgan will sing a new and up-to-date song that should prove pleasing to all who hear him. Added to these big films and the song is music by the orchestra and a warm, comfortable house that is a delight to inhabit. This is a strong feature with The Grand during this touch of Wintry weather when a less well-equipped house would be at a loss to know how to care properly for its patrons.

EXAMINATIONS HERE SOON.

For Various Civil Service Positions. Applicants Desired.

Examinations held here annually by the United States Civil Service Commission will take place this year during January and February, the exact dates to be announced later and all information concerning same will be given at the local postoffice.

Mr. J. D. Doscher, Jr., of this city, is secretary of the United States Civil Service Board for Wilmington, and takes pleasure in furnishing application blanks and giving other information to interested persons. The examinations are open to all citizens of the United States, who comply with the requirements. Different dates will be arranged for applicants on different subjects. The positions consist of the usual order of government places, which are supplied each year by successful applicants.

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Dr. Wiley, chief chemist of the agricultural department, says: "Eat oranges—eat them all the time, as many as you can: They will save you many a doctor's bill." Mr. Edwin Morris, a medical writer of note, claims that meats and juices kill thousands of babies, but excepts orange juice. He writes: "Meat and juice (except orange juice) are like so much poison to them (young children).

Mme. Lina Cavaliere, the famous star of grand opera, noted for her beauty, recently wrote: "If I could obtain only one sort of fruit, it should be oranges. Yet, much as I believe in the youth-protecting and beauty-making power of oranges, I seldom eat a whole orange. I suck all the juice from it and eat but a little of the pulp, because the pulp has woody qualities that make it hard to digest."

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Financial and Commercial

COTTON MARKET WAS STEADY

Fluctuations in December Contracts Were Prominent Feature—Loss of 36 Points—Receipts and Futures

New York, Dec. 28.—Erratic and violent fluctuations in December contracts were the prominent feature in the cotton market today and in connection with continued nervousness over British labor conditions, imparted a generally unsettled tone to the situation. The close was steady at a net loss of 31 points on December, while other positions were from 4 to 6 points under the closing figures of last night.

The opening was steady at a decline of 1 to 3 points which was about in line with the Liverpool cables, but while the English market was lower than due, it reflected no important weakness as a result of the Lancashire lockout, and this fact no doubt, inspired a covering here by some of yesterday's late sellers. At any rate prices rallied right after the call. December worked up 4 to 5 points on covering by belated shorts, as the notices estimated at about 15,000 bales seemed to be promptly taken up and later months sold from 2 to 4 points above the closing figures of last night. There was no aggressive buying, however, general business being restricted by the approaching holidays, while much of the trading was in the way of switching from near to late positions, and the market later weakened on reports that the Lancashire labor troubles were spreading to other sections, talk of increased spot offerings in the interior and selling of December by prominent trade interests, supposedly against eleventh hour arrivals here for delivery on contract. There seemed to be almost no demand for December when the selling movement started, and prices broke several points between sales until that position, which sold 9.46 a few days ago, had declined to 8.90. Later deliveries eased off in sympathy with December and under the influence of the factors mentioned above with the general list closing at practically the lowest level of the day.

Receipts today 49,613 against 71,426 last week, and 49,434 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 10,118 against 16,675 last year, and at Galveston 15,318 against 14,750 last year, and at Houston 7,279 against 10,321 last year.

Spot closed quiet, 15 points lower; middling uplands, 9.35; do. gulf, 9.40; sales, 6,000.

The cotton futures market closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan	8.74	8.80	8.72	8.73
Feb	....	....	....	8.83
Mar	8.91	8.96	8.89	8.90
Apr	....	....	....	8.95
May	9.02	9.08	9.00	9.01
June	....	9.07	....	9.07
July	9.14	9.19	9.11	9.12
Aug	9.15	....	....	9.14
Sept	9.20	....	....	9.23
Oct	9.25	9.33	9.26	9.27
Nov	9.32	9.35	9.32	9.31
Dec	9.18	9.24	8.90	8.92

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Quiet, 9¼; net receipts, 15,318; gross receipts, 15,318; sales, 1,018; stock, 443,364; continent, 2,100; coastwise, 3,340.

New Orleans—Quiet, 9⅛; net receipts, 10,118; gross receipts, 10,267; sales, 3,080; stock, 305,003.

Mobile—Net receipts, 1,471; gross receipts, 1,471; stock, 94,922; coastwise, 2,085.

Savannah—Quiet, 8 11-16; net receipts, 9,915; gross receipts, 9,915; sales, 1,780; stock, 307,594; coastwise, 277.

Charleston—Quiet, 8¾; net receipts, 1,658; gross receipts, 1,658; stock, 43,593; coastwise, 2,149.

Wilmington—Steady, 8¾; net receipts, 1,768; gross receipts, 1,768; stock, 15,721.

Norfolk—Steady, 8¾; net receipts, 4,254; gross receipts, 4,254; sales, 3,450; stock, 52,004; coastwise, 5,393.

Baltimore—Nominal, 9⅜; gross receipts, 4,800; stock, 6,036; coastwise, 4,000.

New York—Quiet, 9⅜; net receipts, 405; gross receipts, 9,848; sales, 6,000; stock, 176,704; continent, 4,858; coastwise, 3,393.

Boston—Quiet, 9.35; net receipts, 603; gross receipts, 5,712; stock, 16,242.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.60; gross receipts, 25; stock, 3,882.

Brunswick—Stock, 11,685.

Gulfport—Stock, 9,848.

Georgetown—Net receipts, 112; gross receipts, 112; coastwise, 112.

Texas City—Net receipts, 2,464; gross receipts, 2,464; stock, 93,746.

Jacksonville—Net receipts, 235; gross receipts, 235; coastwise, 235.

Port Townsend—Net receipts, 1,292; gross receipts, 1,292; Japan, 1,292.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 49,613; continent, 6,958; Japan, 1,292; stock, 1,578,350.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 262,170; Great Britain, 51,717; France, 50,595; continent, 107,580; Japan, 24,655.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 7,050,990; Great Britain, 2,088,063; France, 632,341; continent, 2,060,054; Japan, 172,139; Mexico, 3,235.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Easy, 9¼; net receipts, 7,279; gross receipts, 7,279; shipments, 10,620; sales, 552; stock, 183,251.

Augusta—Steady, 9¼; net receipts, 2,729; gross receipts, 3,425; shipments, 1,685; sales, 791; stock, 97,178.

Memphis—Quiet, 9⅝; net receipts, 3,016; gross receipts, 5,121; shipments, 3,874; sales, 3,500; stock, 205,403.

St. Louis—Quiet, 9⅝; net receipts, 1,589; gross receipts, 4,968; shipments, 5,305; sales, 26; stock, 26,574.

Cincinnati—Quiet; net receipts, 2,275; gross receipts, 2,275; shipments, 2,135; stock, 11,406.

Little Rock—Quiet, 9; net receipts, 1,549; gross receipts, 1,549; shipments, 942; stock, 44,352.

Louisville—Firm, 9⅝.

Total today—Net receipts, 19,037; gross receipts, 24,617; shipments, 24,561; sales, 4,869; stock, 570,444.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 28.—Spot cotton dull, prices two points higher. American middling fair 5.67; good middling 5.29; middling 5.03; low middling 4.87; good ordinary 4.71; ordinary 4.51. The sales of the day were 4,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 3,500 American. Receipts 97,000 bales, including 96,700 American.

Futures opened quiet and steady and closed steady. December 4.88 1-2; December and January 4.88; January and February 4.88; February and March 4.90; March and Apri 4.92; Apri and May 4.94 1-2; May and June 4.97; June and July 4.99; July and August 5.01 1-2; August and September 5.02 1-2; September and October 5.03; November and December 5.03 1-2; December and January 5.03 1-2; January and February 5.04 1-2.

When baking a "prize-pie" rub sweet milk over the top and make it smooth and even before baking.

MARINE.

Cleared.

Schr. Granville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett, New York, C. D. Maffitt.

Exports—Coastwise.

New York—Schr. Granville R. Bacon, 414,299 feet lumber; cargo by Wiley-Harker Lumber Co.; vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Nederland (Dutch), 2,588 tons, Boere, Heide & Co.

Indian Monarch (Br.), 2,818 tons, Wood, H. A. Whyte.

Hillmere (Br.), 2,239 tons, Griffiths, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Runswick (Br.), 1,940 tons; Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Belle Isle (Fr.), 1,382 tons, St. Martan, Heide & Co.

Bengrove (Br.), 2,389 tons, Barber, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Wm. Thomas Moore, 261 tons, Jones, C. D. Maffitt.

Warren B. Potter, 311 tons, Hammett, C. D. Maffitt.

Elisa A. Scribner, 350 tons, Dodd, C. D. Maffitt.

Mineola (Br.), 270 tons, Forsythe, C. D. Maffitt.

Sylvia C. Hall, 285 tons, Sprague, C. D. Maffitt.

Stephen G. Loud, 40 tons, Hart, C. D. Maffitt; in distress.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at Port of Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 28th.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,587 bales cotton; 4 casks spirits turpentine; 2 barrels rosin; 8 barrels tar; 10 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—181 bales cotton.

Total—1,768 bales cotton; 4 casks spirits turpentine; 2 barrels rosin; 8 barrels tar; 10 barrels crude turpentine.

Total last year—1,080 bales cotton; 8 casks spirits turpentine; 1,081 barrels rosin; 145 barrels tar; 22 barrels crude turpentine.

NEW YORK PRODUCE

New York, Dec. 28.—Flour was quiet and lower to sell.

Rye Flour—Quiet.

Buckwheat Flour—Quiet.

Cornmeal—Steady.

Rye—Quiet.

Barley—Steady.

Wheat—Spot irregular, No. 2 red 96 1-2 elevator export basis and 98c fob afloat. Options closed 1-4c net lower. December 97; May 1.03.

Corn—Spot easy; export new 68 1-4 fob afloat. Futures nominal.

Oats—Quiet. Futures nominal.

Pork—Easy.

Beef—Steady.

Cut Meats—Quiet.

Lard—Easy.

Tallow—Quiet.

Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

Rice—Firm.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw, steady; refined quiet.

Coffee—Futures closed steady at from 13 points lower to 4 points higher. Spot coffee quiet; Rio No. 7, 14 1-2; Santos No. 4, 15 3-4; mild coffee quiet. Cordovia 16 1-2 to 18 1-2 nominal.

Butter—Barely steady.

Cheese—Steady.

Eggs—Irregular.

Potatoes and Cabbages—Steady and unchanged.

Freights and peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton seed oil was easy for January owing to scattered liquidation and tenders on contracts of around 2,800 barrels. Other deliveries were steady to a shade higher on light crude offerings and covering on shorts. Most of the business was in the way of switching. January closed four points net lower; Feb. 2 points lower, and other months 1 to 3 points higher. Jan. 5.25 to 5.27; Feb. 5.29 to 5.33; March 5.36 to 5.38; April 5.39 to 5.41; May 5.45 to 5.46 Prime crude 4.13 to 4.20; do. Summer yellow 5.20 to 5.30; do. Winter yellow 5 40 to 6.00; do. Summer white 5.25 to 5.75.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 28.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady, 49 cents.

ROSIN—Steady, $6.25.

TAR—Firm at $1.80 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.50 per barrel for hard; $4.50 for dip, and $4.50 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin, nothing doing; tar, firm, $2.00; crude turpentine, firm, at $4.50@$6.00.

Receipts:

Spirits Turpentine	4
Rosin	2
Tar	8
Crude Turpentine	10

Receipts same day last year, 32 barrels tar; 31 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8¾.

Same day last year, nothing doing.

Receipts, 1,768 bales; same day last year, 1,080 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec, 16.)

CORN—Firm; .85 to .87½c. per bu.

PEAS—White, $2.50 per bu.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, new crop, 80c. per bu.; yams, 60c. per bu.

BEEF—On foot, dull, .03@.04 per lb.

PORK—7c. to 9c.

WOOL—Burry, .11@.12c. per lb.; free of burr, 17 to 18 per lb.

HIDES—Green, .08 to .08½ per lb.; dry, 14 to 15c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, old, 20c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 14c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm; .27 per lb.

TALLOW—Firm; .04½@.05 per lb.

POULTRY — Turkeys, 18c. on foot. Chickens, grown, 40 to 45 per head; chickens, spring, 20@40c. per head. Geese, 65 to 70c. per head.

SHEEP—No sales.

Eggs—Fair demand, 24@25 per doz.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 28.—Rosin, steady. Turpentine, firm.

Savannah, Dec. 28.—Turpentine, firm, at 50@50¼. Sales, 280; receipts, 218; shipments, 27; stocks, 34,069.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 2,170; receipts, 864; shipments, 831; stocks, 133,368. Quote: B, 6.67½; D, 6.90; E, 6.95@7.00; F and G, 7.00@7.05; H, 7.02½@7.05; I, 7.05; K, 7.20; M, 7.30; N, 7.40; W G, 7.50; W W, 7.75.

Charleston, Dec. 28.—Turpentine, firm, at 50c.

Rosin—Firm. Quote: A, B, C, 6.80; D, 6.90; E, 6.95; F, 7.00; G, 6.95@7.00; H, 6.97½@7.00; I, 7.00; K, 7.20; M, 7.30; N, 7.40; W G, 7.50; W W, 7.75.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 26.

All grades steady and quiet.

North Carolinas—Farmers' stock: Prime hand-picked, $1.25; machine-picked, $1.20.

Spanish—Prime hand-picked, 95c.; machine-picked, 90c.

Virginia—Prime hand-picked, 75c.; machine-picked, 70c.

Vinegar is a good thing to remove stains from zinc table tops.

STOCK MARKET WAS UPSET

Poor November Reports on Harriman Roads—Bill for Lowering Tariff Has Effect—Stocks and Money Dull.

New York, Dec. 28.—After several days of quiet the equanimity of the stock market was upset today by two occurrences which Wall Street interpreted as bearish. One was the unexpectedly poor November reports of the Harriman roads, the other the statements from Washington that a bill lowering the tariff on steel would soon be placed before the lower branch of Congress as the first step in tariff legislation during the present session. The stock market was dull at prices near yesterday's close until the middle of the afternoon when these two influences were brought to bear. During the remainder of the session trading was active and quotations fell away steadily. Union Pacific with a drop of 2 5-8, was the heaviest loser among the more prominent stocks. United States Steel was sold in large amounts and sank more than a point to 66 3-4. Reading, New York Central, St. Paul, Northern Pacific, Southern Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio, L. & N., American Smelting and Amalgamated Copper lost a point or more.

The pressure against Union Pacific during the last few days was said to be due to selling in anticipation of a poor November showing, but the street was not prepared for a falling off of $888,000 in gross earnings and of $1,100,000 in the net. Southern Pacific's shrinkage of $715,000 in net earnings was due largely to a $400,000 increase in expenditures, the loss in gross returns having been $241,000.

The harsh weather conditions in territory served by Union Pacific was largely responsible for the sharp reduction in gross receipts. The strike of shopmen on the Harriman lines is understood to have been another important factor in the result.

The report from Washington that the steel schedule was to be taken first was a signal for short selling of United States Steel, but that stock declined no more than several prominent issues. The day's news from Washington apparently had little effect on the market except as it supplied to professional traders a workable motive for selling stocks.

The money market remained dull with little demand for time funds. Bonds were irregular. Total sales par value $3,521,000. United States 4s registered declined 1-8 on call. Total sales today 371,100 shares.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers, pfd	7½
Amalgamated Copper	65
American Agricultural	62⅛
American Beet Sugar	35⅞
American Can	10⅝
American Car and Foundry	53½
American Cotton Oil	46
American Hide and Leather, pfd	23
American Ice Securities	17⅜
American Linseed	11
American Locomotive	35
American Smelting and Refining	71⅞
American Smelting and Refining, pfd	102
American Steel Foundries	33
American Sugar Refining	114⅜
American Tel and Tel	139⅝
American Tobacco, pfd	102⅜
American Woolen	25½
Anaconda Mining Co	37½
Atchison	105⅝
Atchison, pfd	104
Atlantic Coast Line	133¾
Baltimore and Ohio	101¾
Bethlehem Steel	30½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	75⅝
Canadian Pacific	240½
Central Leather	20⅜
Central Leather, pfd	91¼
Central of New Jersey	315
Chesapeake and Ohio	78
Chicago and Alton	24
Chicago Great Western	18¼
Chicago Great Western, pfd	35½
Chicago nd North Western	142½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	108¾
C., C., C. and St. Louis	90
Colorado Fuel and Iron	26½
Colorado and Southern	48
Consolidated Gas	137½
Corn Products	10¼
Delaware and Hudson	167
Denver and Rio Grande	18⅜
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	38½
Distillers' Securities	30⅜
Erie	31¼
Erie, 1st pfd	51⅜
Erie, 2nd pfd	41⅜
General Electric	153
Great Northern, pfd	126¼
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	37¾
Illinois Central	140
Interborough-Met.	14¾
Interborough-Met., pfd	47½
Inter-Harvester	107
Inter-Marine, pfd	21⅝
International Paper	9½
International Pump	32
Iowa Central	15
Kansas City Southern	27½
Kansas City Southern, pfd	65¼
Laclede Gas	104½
Louisville and Nashville	154
Minneapolis and St. Louis	31
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	134
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	28¼
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	64¼
Missouri Pacific	38⅜
National Biscuit	129½
National Lead	53⅜
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	34½
New York Central	105
New York, Ontario and Western	38
Norfolk and Western	108
North American	74½
Northern Pacific	117⅛
Pacific Mail	31
Pennsylvania	122⅝
People's Gas	103
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	97½
Pittsburg Coal	18½
Pressed Steel Car	33
Pullman Palace Car	138
Railway Steel Spring	30⅝
Reading	156⅝
Republic Steel	23⅞
Republic Steel, pfd	84
Rock Island Co	23¼
Rock Island Co., pfd	45½
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	40
St. Louis Southwestern	30
St. Louis Southwestern, pfd	70
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	43
Southern Pacific	110¾
Southern Railway	28⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	70⅝
Tennessee Copper	37
Texas and Pacific	20¼
Toledo, St. Louis and Western	11
Toledo, St. L. and West., pfd	34½
Union Pacific	170⅝
Union Pacific, pfd	92
United States Realty	68⅛
United States Rubber	47¼
United States Steel	66⅝
United States Steel, pfd	110¼
Utah Copper	55½
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	54
Wabash	6
Wabash, pfd	16⅜
Western Maryland	69¼
Westinghouse Electric	65¼
Western Union	78¼
Wheeling and Lake Erie	34½

A common large screw serves very well as a pie crimper if pressed firmly along the edge of the crust.

COTTON MARKET FOR YEAR 1911

Theodore H. Price Thinks Market Will be Better in 1912—Economic Reasons Are Given—Expansion of Demand.

(By Theodore H. Price.)

New York, Dec. 28.—The history of cotton is valuable chiefly as it may be a guide for the future. The year 1911 has marked the end of a cotton famine, and an era of comparatively high prices, and the year 1912 seems likely to find the world supplied with sufficient cotton to meet its requirements for the balance of the so-called cotton year, which ends August 30, 1912.

It is probable, in fact, that this year's crop is large enough to supply the demand up to October 31, 1912, or two months after the time at which next year's crop shall be available. This is all that can be expected from the widely advertised surplus of this year's cotton production, and when the fact is stated in this way there would seem to be but little justification for any expectation of lower prices.

In no other important industry that I know of is a surplus the equivalent of two months' consumption after two years of famine regarded as a sufficient justification for panic prices and sales below the cost of production.

The Southern producers of cotton seem to have come to this conclusion largely as a result of the convention of the Governors of the Cotton States held in New Orleans in October, and the thanks of the entire Southern community, both business men and farmers, are due to the Fort Worth Record and its editor, Mr. Clarence Ousley, for their enterprise in calling and organizing this convention at the opportune moment. Its presentation of the facts of supply and consumption no doubt prevented a panicky decline in the market, and resulted in a deliberate and forehanded treatment of the situation that has enabled the Southern cotton producer to obtain at least cost for that portion of this year's cotton crop which has already been sold.

It has at the same time induced anticipatory buying on the part of consumers, which in some cases covers their prospective requirements for three and four years ahead. The weight of whatever surplus is attributable to this year's American cotton production has thus been distributed over a long period of time, and the prospect now seems to be that with a reasonable reduction in acreage next year, and an average production, cotton will again rule somewhere between 11 and 12 cents a pound.

The supply of iron, copper and coal in America is practically inexhaustible, but the producers of these commodities are enabled to reap a fair profit upon the enterprise and capital employed in their production through a legitimate control of the supply.

The year 1912 promises to mark a new era in the cotton trade, distinguished chiefly by the application of the sane principles to cotton production. It used to be assumed that the South could produce nothing but cotton; that it had to produce cotton to live, and that it had to sell it when produced at whatever price was obtainable, whether this price showed a profit or a loss, and that then it was compelled to go on and produce another crop to be sold at a possible loss, and so ad infinitum, but times have changed.

The great economic marvel of the present century is the expansion in the world's demand for cotton goods. The demand is now so great that a surplus of a million bales is far smaller in its relation to the total requirements than was the case 15 years ago. Moreover, the South is richer and better educated in the principles of economic law. It has learned how to do other things than grow cotton, and its agricultural versatility enables it from year to year so to change the objective of its enterprise that when cotton ceases to be profitable another crop will be grown.

For these reasons, and because it is easily demonstrable that it costs at least nine cents a pound to produce middling cotton, and just as much to produce low-grade cotton that only sells for six cents a pound, when middling cotton sells for nine cents a pound, I think it entirely reasonable to assume the probability of higher prices for the year 1912.

I congratulate the South upon the advance that it has made in the application of economic knowledge to an economic problem. The whole world will be better off for it. A plethora of cotton at extremely low prices in one year affords an injurious stimulus to consumption. A deficiency and extremely high prices in another year result in an equally injurious stimulus to production.

The most thoughtful students of economics are gradually coming to the conclusion that monopolies are essential to the complex civilization of today, but that it is necessary that such monopolies should be wisely and reasonably regulated. If the South, through the diffusion of economic intelligence, can wisely and reasonably regulate the monopoly of cotton production that it enjoys, so that we shall have neither extremely high prices nor yet unprofitable low prices, it will have provided an object lesson which will prove most useful, and in the long run it will, in so doing, best consult its own self-interests.

THE MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 28.—Money on call steady 3 to 4 per cent., ruling rate 3 3-4, offered at 3. Time loans easy; 60 days 4 to 4 1-4 per cent., and 90 days 4, six months 4 to 4 1-4. Prime mercantile paper 4 1-4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bill at 4.83 for 60 day bills and at 4.8605 for demand. Commercial bills at 4.82 1-4. Bar silver 54 3-8. Mexican dollars 46.

CHICAGO GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Explicit statements that the black rust in South Argentine was not serious except in spots, and that the outlook on the eve of harvest was for a very large crop, took the strain today off the market for wheat. Closing prices were easy, ⅜ to ½c. under last night. Corn showed a net loss of ⅜@¾ to 1⅛@1⅝; oats, ⅜@½ to ⅝ decline and hog products a fall of 2½@10c.

Wheat—No. 2, red, 97@97½; No. 3, red, 94½@96; No. 2, hard, 97@1.01; No. 3, hard, 95@97; No. 1, northern, 1.08@1.10; No. 2, northern, 1.05@1.08; No. 3, northern, 1.00@1.05; No. 2, Spring, 98@1.02; No. 3, Spring, 95@1.00; No. 4, Spring, 85@98; velvet chaff, 90@1.04; durum, 90@1.02.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 60½; No. 3, 61@61½; No. 3, white, 61¼@62; No. 3, yellow, 61¼@62½; No. 4, 59@59¼; No. 4, white, 58½@59½; No. 4, yellow, 58½@59½.

Oats—No. 2, 46½; No. 2, white, 48@48½; No. 3, 46¼; No. 3, white, 46¼@47½; No. 4, 43@46¾; standard, 47¼@48¾.

Wheat:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec	94⅝	95⅛	94⅜	94⅝
May	98¾	99½	98⅜	98⅝
July	94⅜	94⅝	94	94
Corn:				
Dec	65¼	65⅝	63¼	63½
May	64	64⅛	63¼	63⅜
July	64	64	63¼	63⅜
Oats:				
Dec	46⅝	47⅛	46¼	46¾
May	47½	48	46⅞	46⅞
July	43⅝	44	43	43
Mess Pork, per bbl.:				
Jan	15.50	15.55	15.45	15.45
May	16.00	16.02½	15.92½	15.92½
July	16.10	16.12½	16.05	16.07½
Lard, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	9.12½	9.15	9.12½	9.12½
May	9.37½	9.40	9.35	9.37½
July	9.47½	9.50	9.47½	9.50
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	8.32½	8.35	8.27½	8.27½
May	8.62½	8.62½	8.57½	8.57½
July	8.65	8.67½	8.62½	8.62½

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 29, 1911.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 32 degrees; at 8 P. M., 40 degrees; maximum, 46 degrees; minimum, 32 degrees; mean, 39 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; for the month, 3.38 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 19.6 feet and falling.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair, continued cold Friday; Saturday, fair; slightly warmer; light to moderate north to northeast winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 29.

Sun rises	7:17 A. M.
Sun sets	5:12 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 55 min.
High water at Southport	3:53 A. M.
High water at Wilmington	4:53 A. M.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 28, 1911.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest Today	Temperature: Lowest Last Night	24-Hour Precipitation 8 P. M.
Abilene	cloudy	48	30	.0
Asheville	clear	32	22	.0
Atlanta	clear	40	26	.0
Augusta	clear	48	32	.0
Birmingham	clear	44	24	.0
Boston	clear	32	30	.0
Charleston	clear	48	32	.0
Charlotte	clear	44	26	.0
Chicago	clear	24	4	.0
Galveston	clear	52	40	.0
Jacksonville	clear	52	34	.0
Memphis	pt cldy	38	24	.0
Mobile	clear	52	34	.0
Montgomery	clear	48	30	.0
New Orleans	clear	50	34	.0
New York	clear	28	26	.0
Palestine	cloudy	46	24	.0
Oklahoma	cloudy	38	24	.0
Pittsburg	cloudy	22	16	.02
Raleigh	clear	42	30	.0
Savannah	clear	50	34	.0
Shreveport	pt cldy	46	26	.0
St. Louis	clear	32	14	.0
Washington	clear	32	30	.0

DRY GOODS MARKET

New York, Dec. 28.—Cotton goods values show a firmer tendency. Cotton yarns prices are hardening. Overcoatings were opened by the leading factors for the 1912 season at prices that show considerable irregularity.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 20.—Spanish—Firm at 80c. per bushel. Virginias—Firm. Jumbo, 4c. per lb. Fancy hnd-picked, 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb. Extra prime, 3½c. per lb.; Prime, 3c. per lb.; Machine-Picked, 3c. to 3½c. per lb.

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A Patent Burglar Alarm on your house? Most people object to them because they go off unexpectedly, get out of order, etc. A BURGLARY INSURANCE POLICY issued here won't get out of order and WILL protect you against loss in case of Burglary. The cost is no more than for a good Burglar Alarm.

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Monuments, Headstones, Tiles, Mantels and Grates.
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Merry Xmas
to all the people
New line of midwinter hats for men and boys
New winter Oxfords for Men, Boys, Ladies and Children.
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We have a large assortment of Ladies', Children's and Gents' high and low-cut SLIPPERS, OVERGAETS, SLUMBER SLIPPERS, WOOL SOLES and lots of other things.
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If you are looking for something Real Nice for your Husband, Brother or Beau, just drop in our store and you will find it.
Neckwear..... from 25c. to $1.50
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Pajamas..... from 75c. to $2.50
Bath Robes..... from $4.50 to $6.00
Handkerchiefs..... from 10c. to $1.00
Night Shirts..... from 75c to $1.50
Shirts..... from 50c. to $2.00
Underwear, Hats, and Everything That's Suitable for a Present.
J. W. FLEET COMPANY
STORE OPEN UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK.
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The Early Shopper Has the Choice of Christmas Goods
We have a fine selection of many articles suitable for Christmas gifts, including a great variety of leather goods, brass and metal novelties, fine pictures and illustrated books, all the latest fiction, children's books, Christmas cards and calendars, fine stationery in fancy boxes, fountain pens, Eastman's Kodaks, Globe-Wernicke bookcases, and Victoria talking machines, records, etc.
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21 MARKET ST.
'PHONE 343.

GOSSIP AT THE CAPITAL.

What Great and Near Great Are Doing And Talking About.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The Over-Sea railroad from the mainland of Florida to Key West will be dedicated January 22. President Taft will be at the dedication. The Over-Sea road is 149 miles long and literally over the sea. It was built by H. M. Flagler at a cost of about $50,000,000.

Twenty-four nations will be represented at the opening of the road. Thomas J. L. Brown, of Florida, was here today to make final arrangements about the dedication. He said that in the course of a short while trains will be sent direct from New York to Santiago. They will go to Key West, be put on barges and transferred to Cuba inside of five hours.

The Over-Sea road is an extension of the East Coast railway. It places American railways in close proximity to the Panama Canal and gives the country a commanding position with relation to South American republics.

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Uncle Sam on January 15 will purchase $1,000,000,000 worth of paper to be used in printing the Congressional Record and other public documents. The weight of the paper will be about 25,600,000 pounds. The public printer is now advertising for bids. A better quality of paper is to be selected. In recent years too much clay filling has been used.

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Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, may have introduced his bills to reduce the mileage allowance of the Senator from 20 cents to 10 cents a mile and abolish the free baths and barber shops of the Senate for political capital, but he is hitting at a vital spot. The free bath at the Senate Office Building is one of the many luxuries that Senators enjoy. While the plain, everyday citizen drinks Potomac river water and mud, the Senator drinks mineral water, some of which sells at fountains for 25 cents a bottle.

The Kenyon bills do not mention mineral water, free drugs and many other things that might be dispensed with by a bill. The elevators in the Senate wing of the Capitol go up and down at the will of Senators. If 12 ordinary people are going up, one Senator may have it turn and go down.

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"Talk about trusts," the most fiendish and diabolical of them all is the goat trust!" This was the earnest conviction of Representative John Garner, of Texas, expressed today. He said that as long as they were investigating such minor combinations as United States Steel, Sugar and money trusts, and yet permitting the goat trust to carry on its criminal practices, he hasn't much faith in investigations.

"Where does it exist?" he demanded angrily. "Why, it exists in Turkey and South Africa. I used to own 4,000,000 goats in Texas, and the industry down there was thriving, but what do you reckon Turkey and South Africa did? Refused to permit the export of another goat, even for breeding purposes. They're afraid to let us build up the goat industry. By now we can grow one-half as much mohair per goat as they can. The finest part of it is used for wigs, so there's a wig trust, too."

Mr. Garner was very active last summer in trying to get an increased duty on mohair in the Underwood Wool bill.

"I have a remedy for this goat trust evil," he said, "leading up to his point adroitly. "Punish 'em. I say this to Ollie James and Claude Kitchen, and they say, 'Yes, by George, punish 'em,' but they won't accept my punishment. It is," he finished, impressively, "to increase the rate on mohair."

Which brought Mr. Garner back to his starting point.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

Unknown Man Asphyxiated in Room of Washington Hotel

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—An unidentified, well-dressed man was found dead on a bed in a room at the Hartford Hotel, 354 Pennsylvania avenue, northwest, yesterday. The gas jet was open, the window closed, and the door locked and barred with a chair. Death was due to asphyxiation, the police say. They declare the man is a suicide.

According to the night clerk at the hotel, the man came in about 1 o'clock yesterday morning so intoxicated he was unable to sign his name to the register. The clerk helped him to his room. At noon the odor of gas in the building was traced to the stranger's room, and the door was broken in.

The body was found on the bed, with coat and vest removed. The man had been dead several hours. A card in the coat pocket bore the name of a southeast newsdealer, who told the police the man had been in his store on Tuesday night intoxicated, and claiming to be a representative of a New York firm.

The coroner, before issuing a certificate of death, preferred to investigate the death further to determine whether the gas had been turned on accidentally or with intent to kill.

The body will be held at the morgue to await identification.

BERNARD D. MURPHY DEAD

Was Former Democratic Leader—He Died Almost Penniless

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—Bernard D. Murphy, former Democratic leader in this State, died of heart failure tonight, 70 years old. He died almost penniless.

Born in Quebec and coming to California when a child, Mr. Murphy, as a young man, inherited forty thousand acres of rich land. Much of his fortune went to protect depositors of a bank that had failed.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 28.—Advices from Cananea, Senora, says smallpox is raging at Magdalena, that State. More than fifty cases are being treated, while five or six new ones appear daily.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Academy—Four Pickerts.
Atlantic Cafe—Aviation Meet.
Southern Map Co.—Aviation Meet.
K. C. Sidbury—Commissioner's Sale.
American National Bank—The Sole Proprietor.
Murchison National Bank—Capital and Surplus.
People's Savings Bank—Regular Interest Period.
Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.—January First.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Young Man.
For Rent—Two Rooms.
Baggett Bros.—Hog Jowl and Peas.
Palace Market—Hog Jowl and Peas.

LAFOLLETTE MAKING SPEECHES

In Interest of Progressive Republicanism—Toledo Yesterday

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Senator La Follette in his campaign through Ohio for Progressive Republicanism talked to another large audience here tonight. Selfgovernment and the trusts, the initiative, referendum and recall, the primary ballot law and direct vote for United States Senators he discussed at length.

The Senator declared that the will of the people is higher than the courts, saying:

"The will of the people shall be the law of the land. Constitution, statutes, courts and all the complex details of government are but instruments to carry out the will of the people and when they fail—when constitutions and statutes and all of the agencies employed to execute constitutions and statutes fail—they must be changed so as to carry out and express the well formulated judgment and the will of the people.

"'And it's going to be changed,' declared the speaker. 'Oh, you standpatters take notice, you are a curiosity in Wisconsin. The people have never failed in any crisis; you haven't got a representative government in the State or nation today.'"

Charging that self-government was being jeopardized by the trusts, Senator LaFollette asserted a crisis was at hand. He declared that so powerful had two names become that they dominated all business. "They are Morgan and Standard Oil," and every banker in the hall knows it.

Taking up further the trust topic the Senator went into the organization and personnel of the so-called combinations along the lines of his talk in Cleveland last night.

In his research of the trusts, Mr. La Follette declared he found ninety-six men on all the directorates of all the trusts.

"Chauncey M. Depew," he said, "was on 72, and I found that he had no money invested—he was only a dummy, and then I wondered how many other dummies there were and then I found that only 14 men controlled and were back of all these 96 names.

"And back of all this I found Standard Oil and Morgan.

"And these people have not overlooked the newspapers. Their organs are poisoning the public mind—they are not serving your interests, when they declare me to be a menace to them."

COURSES OF AERONAUTICS.

Will Soon be Established in American Universities.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Courses of aeronautics soon will be established in American universities to fit young men for the profession of flying and airship building. This advance in education was predicted today by Professor A. Lawrence Roach, of Blue Hill Meteorological Observatory, Boston, in an address before the American Association for the advancement of science.

Professor Roach said the United States was far behind European countries in establishing laboratories for the study of aeronautics.

Discuss Labor Legislation

Effective legislation to protect the person and rights of the American laborer was the subject of discussion in the opening meeting of the American Association for Labor Legislation. Professor Henry R. Seager, of Columbia University, who presided at the meeting, urged the establishment of a Federal commission on industrial diseases for which legislation now is pending in Congress.

"Not more than 15 per cent of the men injured in work accidents were able to obtain compensation under the so-called common law," said John H. Wallace, a member of the industrial commission of the State of Washington. Mr. Wallace characterized the nation as a "bad employer" and his view was endorsed by I. M. Rubinow, a former expert of the National Bureau of Labor, who said private corporations gave employes much more consideration and care than does the government.

"There must be immediate legislation if the United States government is not willing to remain among the worst of employers," he said.

Cheaper illuminating gas for consumers in the near future through the advancement of science was predicted by Professor Charles E. Munroe, of Washington, in an address before the American Chemical Society.

OVER FIFTY DEAD.

More Wretches Poisoned in Tramps' Refuge May Pass Away.

Berlin, Ger., Dec. 28.—Over fifty deaths from ptomaine poisoning have occurred since the night of December 26 at the municipal shelter for the homeless.

Another fifteen of the destitute male inmates died during last night and this forenoon. New cases are being rushed to the hospitals at such a rate that statistics can not keep up with them.

Doubts are now expressed as to whether the deaths were due, as at first believed, to the eating of decayed smoked herring, which the homeless people had brought with them to the shelter, to eke out the scanty diet provided there. A considerable number of cases have been reported from another municipal shelter and from the jail. The authorities, however, still adhere to the original theory.

Hopes that the later cases would prove less serious than those reported at first have vanished, many of the victims today as well as yesterday succumbing in 30 or 35 minutes after they were attacked.

Symptoms of the poisoning are fainting, followed by violent vomiting and death. The asylum superintendent expresses the opinion, based on one of the post mortem examinations, that the deaths have not been due to fish, but to deliberate poisoning.

In spite of rumors among destitute classes which patronize these institutions that there has been a deliberate plot against the inmates, the various shelters scattered about the city were last night even more crowded than before. Over 45,000 men took refuge in the main institution and a crowd of physicians were present during the night receiving reports of additional poisoning cases.

Many of those who have been stricken have, it is said, been victims of suggestion.

They display the critical symptoms, but on examination prove not to have been poisoned. The police investigating the poisonings thus far have developed little.

GEN. REYES ARRIVES

Was Taken to Military Prison at Mexico City Tonight

Mexico City, Dec. 28. — General Reyes arrived here tonight. The car in which he traveled was dropped in the freight yards and the prisoner conducted by an unfrequented route to the Santiago military prison. There was no demonstration.

The personnel of the courtmartial which will try Reyes in part was officially announced today as follows:

Generals Jose Maria Mier, Jose Maria De LaVega and Laurovilar.

To make these officers eligible they were raised by official act by the minister of war from Brigadiers to Generals of divisions. In addition General Francisco Avalez was designated as agent of the minterio public to sit with the others.

General Vega was chief of marine affairs in the Department of War and Marine and later successively military commander in Quintana Roo Chihuahua, Monterey and Leon.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 28.—Emilio Vasquez Gomez, who is in this city as a self-styled refugee, today denied he had planned or would plan a revolution against the Mexican government. Gomez said the surrender of General Reyes and the capture of several of his followers removes the last possibility of a counter-revolution in Mexico.

COLOR SERGEANT A HERO

Rescues Alleged Would-Be Suicide In New York Harbor

New York, Dec. 27.—Harry L. Miller, color sergeant of the Twenty-ninth United States Infantry, stationed at Fort Jay, Governors Island, qualified today for a Carnegie medal. He jumped from the deck of the Pennsylvania Railway's ferry boat Washington, rescued Owen Gallagher, of Bayonne, N. J., who, the police charge, had attempted suicide, and swam more than 200 yards to the ferry boat Newark of the same line, where, with the unconscious form of the man he had rescued in his arms, he was assisted on board.

Gallagher's condition was so serious that an ambulance was called from the Hudson Street Hospital and he was taken to that institution.

According to those who witnessed Miller's feat, no more heroic rescue has ever been accomplished in the waters around New York. The soldier, who is 35 years old, tall and with massive soldiers, lives when not on duty at 18 Sanford street, Jersey City.

The adjutant at Governors Island said that Miller was a model soldier

FIVE ARE IN JAIL

Charged With Murdering Miss Nettie Newsom Christmas Night

Lyons, Ga., Dec. 28.—Charged with the murder of Miss Nettie Newsom, ten miles from here in this county, five white men were placed in the Toombs county jail here today. They are John Toole and his son "Bud" Eason, James Mason, Jr., and a man named Falter. The arrests are said to result from the coroner's inquest held today at the scene of the crime.

According to reports received here Miss Newsom was shot down Christmas night in the road near her home. The men under arrest, it is said, had been drinking at a country store and sent for Miss Newsom to come to the store to play a piano for them. The girl refused and later the men are said to have left the store for the Newsom home. A man named Spivey, fearing trouble, followed them.

Spivey had not gone far, it is reported, until he heard shots and a moment later Miss Newsom ran down the road and fell dead at his fet. She had been shot through the body. Excitement is high throughout that section

AFFAIRS QUIETER

Persian Government Makes Apology For Outrage

London, Dec. 28.—The latest news received here indicates that affairs in Persia are quieter. The Persian government apologized for the outrage against Consul Smart whose safety is assured and has taken measure to stave off a British punitive expedition.

In Calcutta the belief is held that an expedition will be sent to occupy Shiraz. It is understood that the precise form the British action will take will be decided at Calcutta tomorrow after a consultation with the home government.

The British government during the last year or two has had to complain so frequently to Persia of robberies, outrages, and murders on the Caravan routes in Southern Persia which the Persian authorities seem helpless to prevent, but there is little doubt that energetic measures will now be taken for the protection of British traders in this district.

King George is due to arrive at Calcutta tomorrow and his presence may influence the decision.

TANK WRECKS BUILDING

Two Men Killed and Seven Persons Injured in Collapse

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Two men were killed and four other men, two women and a boy were injured today, when a wall of a building occupied by the R. J. Ederer Thread Company, at Unity and Elizabeth streets, Frankford, collapsed. One of the injured men may die. The dead are:

Fred Hollingsworth, shipping clerk.
Edward Mullen, 50 years old.

There were about 75 men and women in the building when the crash came, and many of them narrowly escaped death or injury.

The cause of the collapse was the failure of the wall to hold a large water tank, which had just been built. Water being let into it for the first time today.

The tank crashed through the building to the basement.

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Invites you to become one of its customers. It has every facility for handling your account.

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J. ROSENGARTEN INSANE.

Prominent Hebrew Merchant of Raleigh—Sudden Death—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—J. Rosengarten, well known Hebrew merchant of Raleigh, was today adjudged insane by a special jury and committed to the State Hospital. He has been in failing health for some months and members of his family took the plan of examination for lunacy on account of pressing business matters that would require a guardianship if he were proven insane. He has an estate valued at about $25,000.

James Lloyd, who has a sister, Mrs. Blake, living in Cary, and a brother in Greensboro, died suddenly at the home of Talley Damphier last night. He first went to Mr. Damphier's store and was later sent to his house for the night, but died in the hack on the way there. He had $31 in his pockets. The coroner looked into the case and concluded there was no occasion for an inquest.

Governor Kitchin granted a pardon today for Frank Berryman, Lee county, who was sentenced in November to two years on the roads for selling whiskey. The boy is only 17 years old and the pardon is on the special request of the trial judge, who has become convinced that Berryman was over persuaded to submit to the charge when the case against a number of defendants was called. The solicitor and many citizens join in urging that the pardon be granted.

LARGE AMOUNT RAISED

New York Already Has $60,000 for Democratic Convention

New York, Dec. 28.—Mayor Gaynor, while wishing success, he said to the movement to bring the Democratic National Convention to this city, declined today an invitation of the Hotel Mens' Association to accompany its delegation to Washington where the claims of New York for the gathering will be presented to the Democratic National committee on January 8th.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the hotel men today it was announced that $60,000 of the amount it was desired to present to the Democratic committee to pay the expenses of the convention had been subscribed and that there was no doubt that the total of $125,000 would be over subscribed within a few days.

PLEADS DEATH SENTENCE

Wife Murderer Declares Life Imprisonment Inadequate

Belvidere, Ill., Dec. 28.—When Charles Richards was sentenced to life imprisonment here today for the murder of his wife, he implored the court to make the sentence death, instead.

He pleaded guilty and told the judge his sentence should have been the heaviest possible under the law.

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—More than 1,000 head of cattle have been drowned in Cameron parish during the past few days, because of floods and submerged lands, according to Morris Rosenthal, a Lake Charles, La., hide dealer. He said last night that C. F. Henry, one of Cameron's largest cattlemen, had lost nearly 1,000 head and that other stockmen had lost large herds.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 28.—The local Y. M. C. A. basketball five tonight defeated Washington and Lee University by the score of 22 to 7.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Advertisements inserted under this head one cent per word for each insertion, but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, one cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amounts being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to any address in the city for advertisements in this department upon request by 'Phone to No. 51. A. D. T. Messenger will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Company, or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for the telegrams, but a small charge for strictly A. D. T. calls or telephone subscribers may at any time telephone their telegrams, bills rendered to suit the sender daily, weekly or monthly. For this service, call Western Union, 'Phone No. 2. But for advertisements, always call the Star office, No. 51. Copy for Business Locals cannot be taken over the telephone—but upon request Messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

QUEEN THEATRE TONIGHT, Friday, Dec. 29th.—Don't fail to see the Cracker-Eating Contest, if you love to laugh. If you can't laugh, come anyway. Tell your friends about it. The boy eating the most crackers in the shortest time and whistles will get a dollar. Corner 8th and Queen. de29-1t

HOG JOWL AND PEAS for New Year's. Nice dressed turkeys and chickens; selected oysters; fancy celery and lettuce; all kinds extra good fresh meats. New native pork hams. Palace Market, 'Phone 72. de29-tf

WANTED—Young man with knowledge of typewriter for clerical position; good opportunity. Apply immediately. Address "B. H." care Star. de29-1t

FOR RENT—Two large rooms with one or two beds; electric lights; all conveniences; telephone; first class table; private family; central residence location. P. O. Box 515. de29-1t*

NOTICE—To those wishing a toothless hog jowl for New Year's, can get same at Baggett Bros. Also white peas, 10c. per quart until Jan. 2nd. Baggett Bros., 113 South Front street; 'phone 173. de29-3t

BOYS WANTED — A few industrious white boys, 15 to 16 years of age, wanted to carry routes. Must be willing to rise early and work hard for an hour before business or school. Address, giving address and telephone number, "P. D. Q." care Star Office. de29-3t

HAVE YOU A DICTIONARY?—See big, free proposition to subscribers of The Morning Star, elsewhere in today's paper. Get busy. Offer may be withdrawn at any time. Supply is limited. de29-6t

WANTED—Cottage of 5 or 6 rooms; must be in good location, close in, and with some back yard; willing to pay good rent. Address B. B., care Star. de29-1t

LOST OR STRAYED—One black setter. Reward if returned to W. H. Newell, 216 Walnut st. de29-1t

WANTED—Nicely furnished room in private family, by single man; references exchanged. Box 505, City. de28-2t*

A NEW COTTAGE — Four rooms and bath; all modern improvements. No. 216 S. 9th street, for rent at once. Call at 819 Market street. de27-tf

FIRST CLASS band saw filer wants position. Best of references furnished. Address Box 75, Rocky Point, N. C. de27-6t*

FOR RENT—A nice five-room cottage, with one or two acres of land, situated on Castle Hayne road, about one-quarter mile from the city. P. Q. Moore. de27-6t

MOTOR CYCLISTS ATTENTION—Motor Cyclists who expect to compete in the racing at Highwood Park on Jan. 1st should see Mr. E. R. Pickard at the Queen City Cycle Co., at once. de27-3t

NEW SERIES B. & L. stock opens January 6th, 1912. Mechanics' Home Association. Walker Taylor, President; W. M. Cumming, Secretary. de27-4t

FANCY TOMATOES, lettuce and celery. Dressed chickens, turkeys and geese; very best of veal, beef, lamb and pork; nice pineapples, oranges, grape fruit, apples. See our supply before you buy your supply for Xmas. Oysters. Palace Market Co., 'phone 72. de23-tf

FOR SALE—Three safes, different sizes. One typewriter and desk, one large roll top desk, one long high desk. See us for bargains. Central Ice Co. 'Phones 221-222. de24-tf

UNEQUALLED OPPORTUNITIES to learn the automobile business and get positions afterward, are offered by the Southern Automobile College, Oak Ridge, N. C. Write for particulars today. de21-12t*

NOTICE—If you want to make your wife or husband smile Xmas morning, stop by D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co.'s, No. 130 Market street, and buy a present that will please any wife or husband. D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co., J. B. Griffith, Mgr. de15-tf

FOR SALE—5 6-room houses corner 2nd and Queen streets. This property must be sold right away. We have a nice pieece of property on North Front street; will make plenty of money; call at our office, 207 North Front street, and let us tell you about it. If you have any property for sale, see us. We have several parties that want to buy city property. We also have a customer that wants to buy a nice home on some good street. Must be in a nice neighborhood. Hanover Realty Company, 207 North Front street. de8-tf

ASK YOUR GROCER to send you a bottle of Polite's Pepper Sauce. The sauce of purity and quality. de5-1mo

SECOND HAND square piano for sale. In good order. Cheap to cash purchaser. Address "Piano," care Star Office. se15-tf

UNREDEEMED SHOT GUNS, also a high grade line bought at bankrupt stock, Ithaca, Fox, Remington, Marlin and other makes. Save money and see Uncle Charles, 16 South Front street. de7-tf

WANTED—January 1st, competent lady to take charge of Dry Goods department of uptown store. One who understands typewriter and shorthand preferred; reference. "Dry Goods," care Star. de16-12t

THE GILBERT — Remodeled; newly furnished; all hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets, junction of trolley lines; cars to beach and depot; steam heat; electric lights and hot water. Excellent cuisine and good service. Rates, $1.50 a day. Liberal discount to couples and people who stay longer. no4-tf

BARGAINS in trunks, hand bags and suit cases. Uncle Charles, 15 South Front street. de7-tf

HUSBANDS, Sweethearts and Wives—Save money on your Xmas gifts. Diamonds, Watches and High Grade Jewelry, at Uncle Charles', 16 South Front street. de7-tf

FROST PROOF Cabbage Plants, $1.40 per thousand, delivered anywhere in North or South Carolina; plants bunched and selected. Enterprise Plant Co., Meggetts, S. C. de22-2mo

A LADY'S PRIDE and delight—a nice umbrella. I have them from $5.00 to $25.00. J. T. Burke, The Jeweler. no29-tf

PRICES AND QUALITY guaranteed. If you want something good, call to see me. J. T. Burke, 27 South Front street. no29-tf

FOR SALE—We have several nice lots on the Shell road near Winter Park across the road from the race track, 70x210. These lots are well drained. Price and terms, right. See us or 'phone us, 771. Hanover Realty Company, Sole Agents, 207 North Front street. de9-tf

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Everybody Come to Wilmington!
Mission Pharmacy
and Aviation Meet
Jan. 1st, 1912

MADE BY HR Southern Map Company WILMINGTON N. C. TRADE MARK
AVIATION MEET MONDAY

The Sole Proprietor

Many men have built a large and substantial business—have fought the battles of competition and won, single-handed—and then, when business had grown to a point where it was immensely profitable, some of these men have found it necessary to incorporate or to take in a partner.

Before making any such move, we suggest a consultation. It may be that the knowledge and experience of the Officers and Directors of this Bank will be of assistance to you.

You may be able to remain the sole proprietor.

American National Bank
of Wilmington.
"A FINANCIAL STRONGHOLD."
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FREE ADMISSION
To the Aviation Grounds

With every purchase of $10.00 worth or more of goods from our store, for spot cash, on Friday, Saturday or Monday, forenoon, by one person, we will give free one admission ticket to the great Aviation Meet on January 1st, at Highwood Park, upon the following conditions:

Upon entering the store, the purchaser must present the attached coupon. Unless coupon is presented, properly filled out upon entering store, ticket will positively not be given.

Name .....
Address .....
I do
I do not subscribe to The Morning Star.

Tickets presented with purchases not transferable.

Wilmington Furniture Co.
Wilmington's Great Furniture Store.
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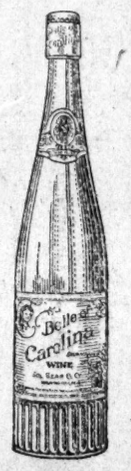

A List of Good Things to Drink:

Scuppernong, Sherry, Port, Catawba and Other Wines.

The Right Kind for Your Fruit Cake, Wine Jelly, Punch, or Syllabub.

SOL BEAR & CO.
7 and 9 CHESTNUT ST. 'PHONE 866
WILMINGTON, N. C.

Beginning the New Year

Make this resolution: "To Save Something Out of Each Month's Salary" and then deposit it regularly with

The Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.

All Money Deposited Here on or Before Jan. 2nd, Will Draw 4% Interest, Compounded Quarterly. Begin Saving Today.

WE respectfully invite all our out-town friends who attend the Aviation Meet, to make our store their headquarters.

Come down and see the King Bird of the air.

W. B. Cooper Co.
Wilmington, N. C.

Holiday Goods

100 Boxes Raisins.
100 Crates Oranges.
75 Barrels Apples.
100 Sacks Cocoanuts.
100 Small Cheese.
100 10-pound Tubs Butter.
75 25-pound Boxes Mixed Nuts.
50 Buckets Peach Preserves.
75 Pails Mixed Candy.
50 Boxes Broken Candy.
100 Boxes Stick Candy.
200 Sacks Head Rice.
400 Sacks Broken Rice.
100 Barrels Patent Flour in Wood.
200 Barrels Patent Flour, 1-8 and 1-16 sacks.
100 Barrels Patent Flour, 1-2 Barrels, wood.

Also full line of Cakes, Canned Goods, Snuff, Tobacco, Etc., all of which are on sale at a bargain.

J. W. BROOKS
Wholesale Grocer,
Wilmington, N. C.

THE DAINTIEST AND MOST COMFORTABLE PLACE IN THE CITY.
The GRAND Theatre
ORCHESTRA AND INTERESTING PICTURES.

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